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CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.
Jet-black deeper than darkest of night, spirit most noble, beauty most sublime...
Rin.
Now, and for eternity.
THEN YOU MAY NAME ME.

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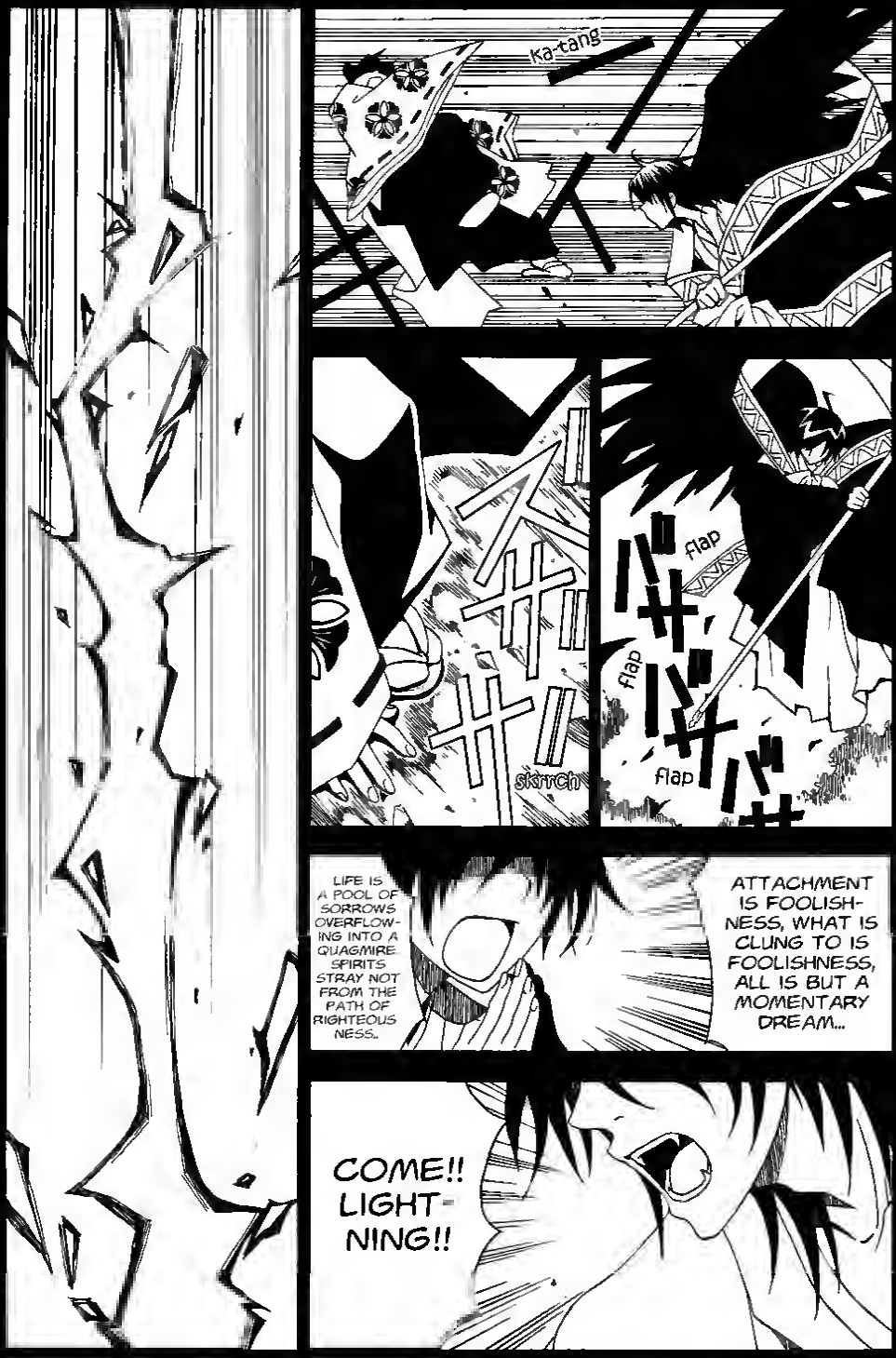

Ka-tang
skrrch
Flap
Flap
flap
LIFE IS A POOL OF SORROWS OVERFLOWING INTO A QUAGMIRE. SPIRITS STRAY NOT FROM THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS..
ATTACHMENT IS FOOLISHNESS, WHAT IS CLUNG TO IS FOOLISHNESS, ALL IS BUT A MOMENTARY DREAM...
COME!! LIGHTNING!!

BOOOM!!
HEY... DON'T YOU KNOW ANY BETTER DOING THIS DAY AFTER DAY?
HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE UP ON NAMING ME AND JUST GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE?
YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME. YOU'RE JUST GOING TO DIE TRYING.
Haa...
I MAY HAVE SAID THAT YOU ONLY NEED TO CATCH ME...
Haah...
Haah...
rustle
rustle
Pwahh!

glare
BUT THIS PERSISTENCE IS A LITTLE UNHEALTHY, ONMYOUJI.
flash
whap
whap
whap

pam
I HAVE SNARED THE DEMON-EATING TENGU!
HGCK!
?!
WHAT THE HELL?! GROSS!
schik
shing

BWOOOSH
KYAAA-!
CRAP, I OVER-DID IT!
THAT FOOL-ISH HUMAN!
はっ
Gasp!

grab
YOU...
YOU'RE A WOMAN ...?!

I CAUGHT YOU DEMON-EATING TENGU.
YOUR NAME IS...
...RIN.

THIS SUPER-POWERFUL KUJI IS SURPRIS-INGLY SIMPLE TO MAKE.
WAIT. DIDN'T YOU THROW ONE OF THESE AT ME BEFORE?!
Shouldn't I be dead?
O ho ho ho!
VERY GOOD, RIN.
YOU'VE REALLY GOT A KNACK FOR ON-MYOU-DO!

HE'D BE A DEMON-EATING TENGU'S GREATEST RIVAL, RIGHT?
WE'VE TRADED BLOWS SEVERAL TIMES, THOUGH THERE HASN'T YET BEEN A CLEAR VICTOR.
OH, HOW TERRIFYING... I FEAR FOR MY OWN BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER.
SHUTEN DOUJI... THAT GUY, HUH?
HOW MANY YOUNG GIRLS HAVE BEEN SNATCHED AWAY?
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE WORK OF THE DEMON, SHUTEN DOUJI.
BUT I CAN PROBABLY SLAY HIM NEXT TIME... IF WE DO IT TOGETHER...
RIN...
...WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I FEEL AS IF THERE'S NOTHING I CAN'T DO.
BE WITH ME ALWAYS, RIN. YOU'RE MY EVERYTHING.

DO YOU FEEL THE SAME?
FUJI...
YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU? YOUKAI AND HUMANS ARE MUCH TOO DIFFERENT.
THE MORE I FEEL AS YOU DO, THE MORE IT'LL HURT TO WATCH YOU GROW OLD AND DIE...
...YOU'RE RIGHT... FORGIVE ME...
I REALLY AM A SELFISH MASTER...
LORD RAIKOU MINAMOTO HAS FINALLY SUBDUED SHUTEN DOUJI!
A FEAT WORTHY OF THE GREATEST COMMANDER OF OUR AGE!
HE DEFEATED THE SHUTEN DOUJI...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER FUJI? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN YOURSELF LATELY.
HMM...? OH...
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT SHUTEN'S HEAD IS ENSHRINED IN THE MINAMOTO HOUSE'S TREASURE HALL.
THEY HAVE ENSHRINED A YOUKAI?

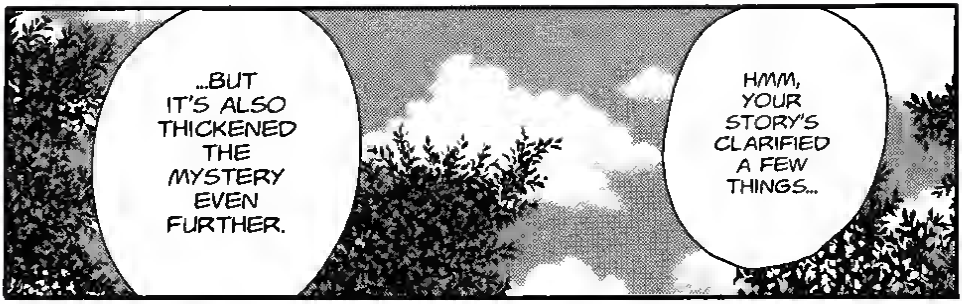
APPARENTLY SHUTEN DOUJI'S YOUKAI BEAD HAS THE POWER TO LET A SOUL LAST FOR ETERNITY.
RIN... OH, RIN...
MY DARLING RIN...
YOU ARE MINE...
WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE HAVE YOU.
FUJI...?

FUJI...
FUJI, WHERE ARE YOU?!
WH-WHAT'S THIS...?
I CAN'T MOVE...
?!
shwoom

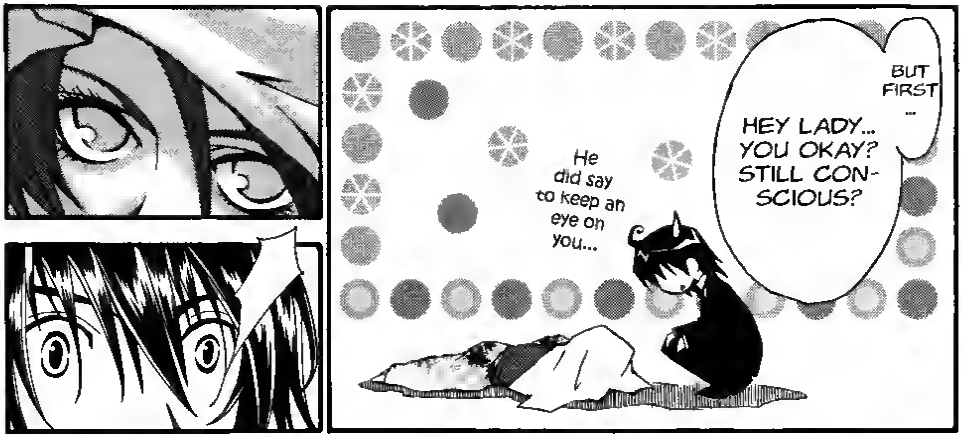
THE SHUTEN DOUJI ?!
WHO'S THAT WITH FUJI ---?
FUJI ---!!
BUT WHY?
---AND THEN---
flash
カッ

thwack
Accursed Kiiick!!
THAT ACCURSED KICK OF YOURS WOKE ME UP, AND I'VE HAD TO ENDURE THIS PATHETIC EXISTENCE EVER SINCE!
HUH?! SERIOUSLY?!
YOUKO-CHAN, GIVE US A MOMENT..
PWAUGH!
I HATE HUMANS.
Cough
Cough
HIS PRIDE'S CRUSHED LIKE THOSE CRACKERS, I GUESS
ARE YOU OKAY, HARUKA-CHAN?
Bug
Bug
Bug
HARUKA! CALM DOWN! HERE'S WATER!!
nom
nom
もしゃもしゃ
I'M SO...
...SO...!
Gulp
Gulp
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE AFRAID TO TRUST HUMANS, HARUKA.

UH, I WOULDN'T SAY I WAS "AFRAID"...
THANKS FOR TELLING ME ABOUT THIS.
Hey! It's not like I've trusted you with everything.
COME NOW, NO NEED TO BE SHY!
GAAH WHY ARE MY MASTERS ALWAYS SCOUNDRELS?!
hate
IT'S TRUE. BEING BETRAYED BY SOMEONE YOU TRUST?
HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT.
...I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY, DIMWIT.
smack
OW!


HMM, YOUR STORY'S CLARIFIED A FEW THINGS...
...BUT IT'S ALSO THICKENED THE MYSTERY EVEN FURTHER.

WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS WHY YOUR FORMER MASTER FUJI WOULD TEAM UP WITH SHUTEN DOUJI.
IF SHUTEN WAS YOUR ENEMY, THEN...
HM?
stagger
I'LL GET A DOCTOR! YOU KEEP AN EYE ON HER, HARUKA!
OH?
SURE.
...YOU'RE NOT ONE FOR BE-TRAYAL, ARE YOU, KAN-TAROU ...?
THE HELL ?!
AUUGHH!
fuuump


He did say to keep an eye on you...
HEY LADY... YOU OKAY? STILL CONSCIOUS?
BUT FIRST ..

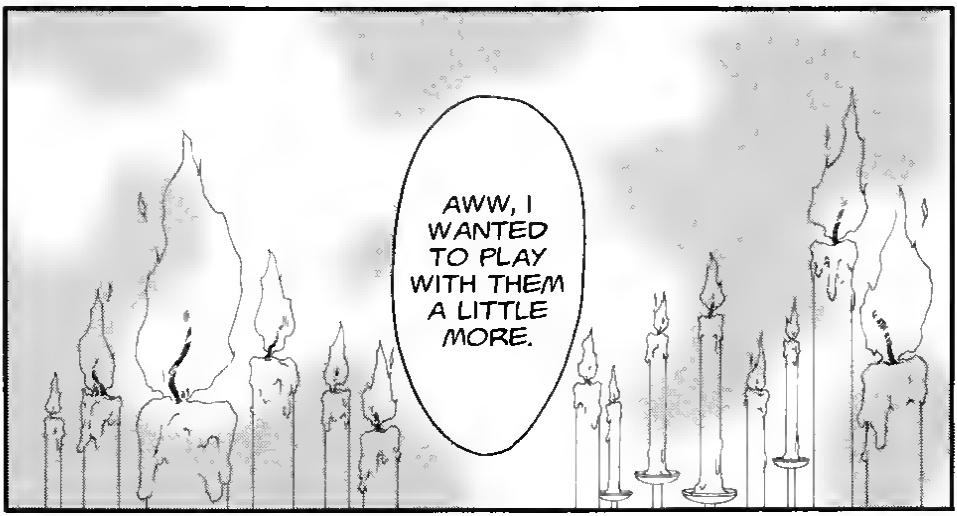
whap

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SURPRISE ATTACK.
flap

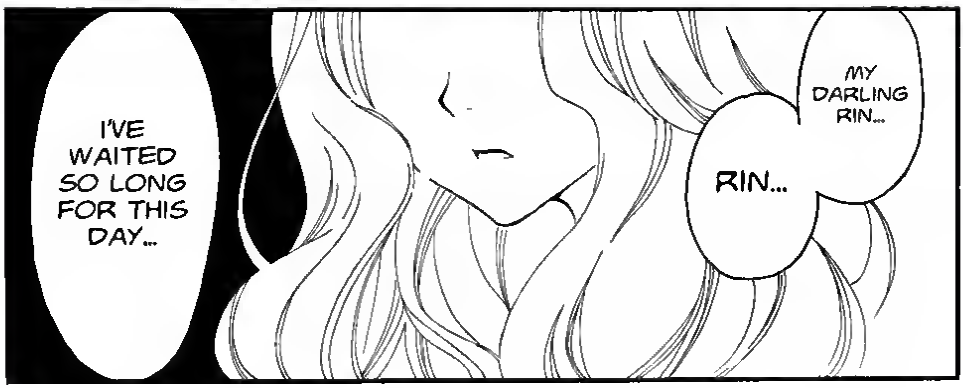
HMM, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE NEAREST DOCTOR IS...
THIS WAY, SIR.
tug
SHALL WE HAVE SOME FUN TOGETHER?
S-SORRY, BUT I'M TOO BUSY TO BE DALLYING WITH STREET-WALKERS.
I'M FLATTERED THOUGH. MAYBE NEXT TIME...
HUH?
YANK
?!
zing

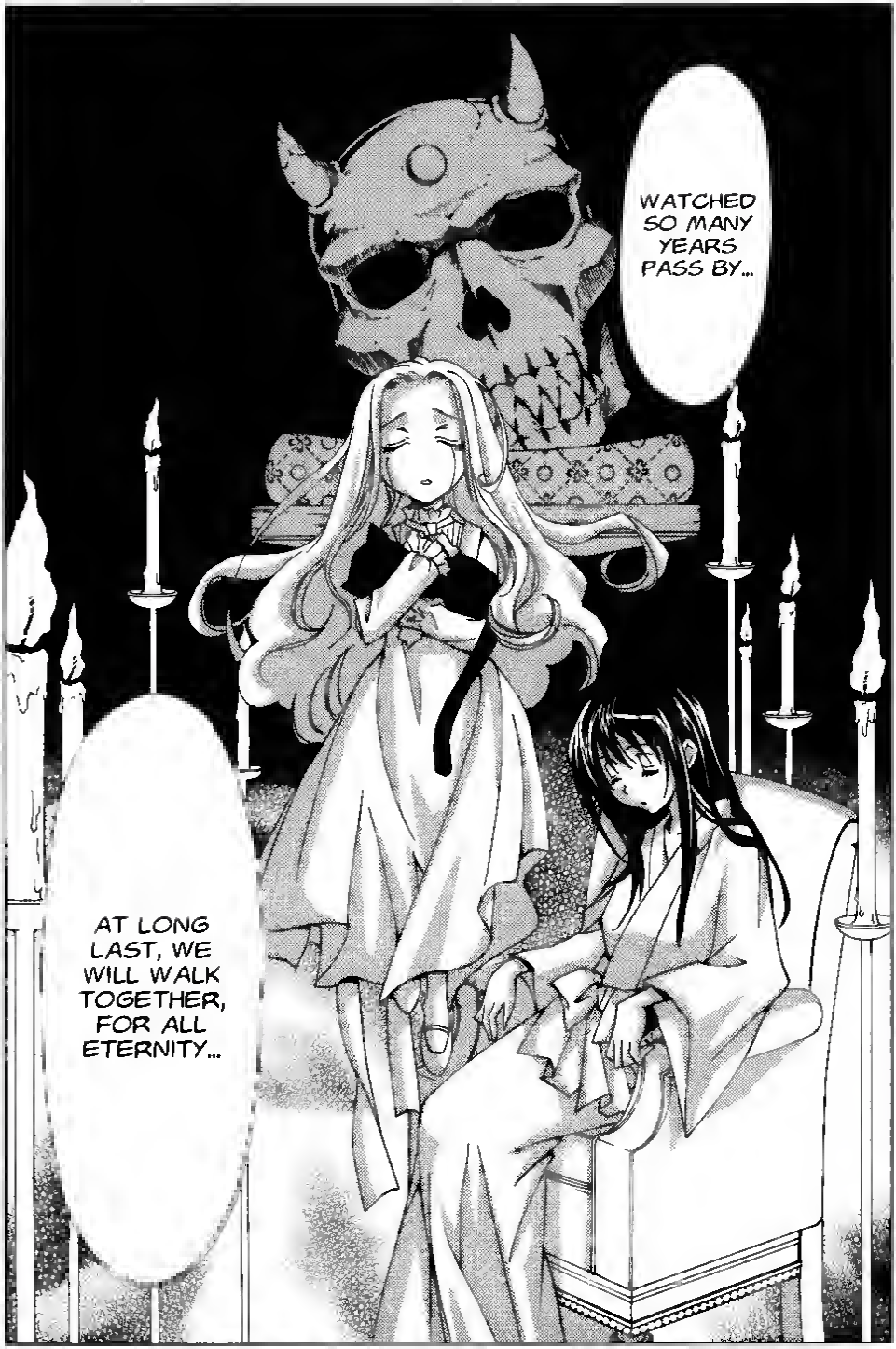
SHOU... KIKU..
gurk
...AREN'T YOU...
...HEY...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON ME, DEMON EATER.
WHAT ...?

KAN-TAROU!!
KAN-TAROU, WHERE ARE YOU?!
dribble
GUH...!


AWW, I WANTED TO PLAY WITH THEM A LITTLE MORE.

BUT OUR SELFISH LITTLE LADY...
...WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER


I'VE WAITED SO LONG FOR THIS DAY...
RIN...
MY DARLING RIN...



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HAAH...
HUFF...
GUH...!
HAA...
URGH...!!
MM-HM!
NICE WORK, IBARAGI.

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Tou Stage

Thus Sakata's stock in the military goes down...
...as Young Master gets special treatment.

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wham
I AM MARIA USUI, ONE OF RAIKOU MINAMOTO'S LOYAL RETAINERS KNOWN AS THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS.' THANK YOU FOR THE MATCH, DEMON-EATING TENGU.
SO YOU'RE ONE OF THAT BRAT'S SERVANTS. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH KANTA-ROU?
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO ANSWER YOU HONESTLY? CAN A MIGHTY TENGU REALLY BE THAT FOOLISH?
WHY--
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
ENOUGH CRAP! YOU KNOW MY NAME. HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME YOURS?
YOU SEEM AWFULLY COM-FORTABLE DRAGGING WOMEN INTO DARK ALLEYS.

WHY YOU ...!!
HUH...? HARUKA CHAN?
OH MY, WHERE'D SHE GO?
Quite the shy one.
HUH? SOMEBODY THERE? SNIFF-SNIFF... A WOMAN??
NO, WAIT, I CAN EXPLAIN! HERE, LET ME INTRODUCE--
NO! STAY BACK, YOUKO!
THIS PERSON'S...!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
SKIP
LOOKY HERE! I GOT A CROQUETTE FROM THE SHOP!

SPEAKING OF...
Youko, so gung-ho about croquettes that nothing can faze her.
Oh well, now we can hurry on home! You've never had croquettes before, have you? They're the most incredible Western dish! We hardly ever get to eat any, so I'm gonna put lots & lots of sauce on this one and split it between the three of us!!
DRAG DRAG
The useless tengu is still in too much of a panic to stop her
Wait, Youko, waiiiit...

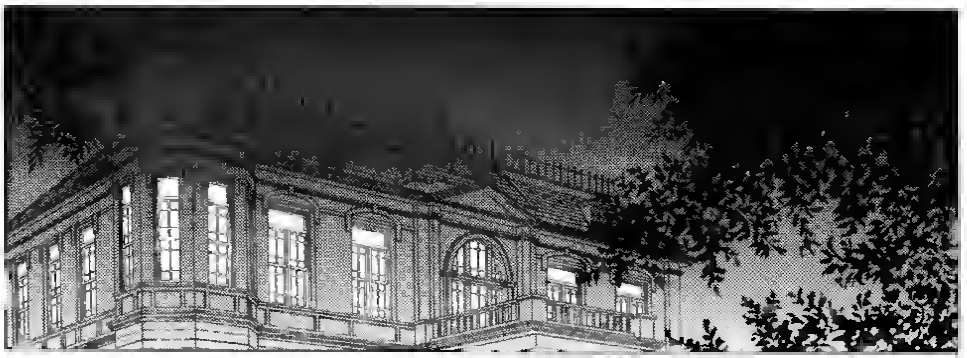
...
WHERE IS KAN-CHAN?

HEY YOU! ICHI-NOMI-YA!
crash

I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU...
HERE'S YOUR PORTION, HARUKA-CHAN.
UH OH, I CUT THIS PIECE TOO SMALL! KAN-CHAN CAN HAVE IT HEE HEE!
...MINA-MOTO'S UNDER-LING WAS...

WHAT'S WRONG, HARUKA-CHAN?
HM?
AND HERE I WAS TRYING NOT TO GET SUCKED INTO YOUR COMEDY ROUTINE...
Though I doubt you'll like this any better...
LISTEN UP! THIS IS SERIOUS!
WHOA, WHOA! DID ROSALIE-CHAN GO OUT WITH KAN-CHAN? LUUUCKY! I WANNA ENJOY THE NIGHT-LIFE TOO! YAWN... MANNN, I'M ALREADY POOPED..
IF YOU WANT HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME DOWN FIRST!! COME OUT AND FACE ME!!
Heh heh heh, lost your nerve, huh? You're all talk!!
SHUT UP YOU TWO!!!
DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT I, RYOU-KAN HASUMI, WILL STAND BY AND LET YOU INFECT MY ROSALIE WITH YOUR STUPIDITY GERMS!
JUST WHAT DAS-TARDLY PLOT ARE YOU SCHEM-ING THIS TIME?!
blam

KANTAROU MAY HAVE BEEN KID NAPPED BY RAIKOU MINAMOTO.



WHEW...
Haah
Huff
LOOKS LIKE I CAN MANAGE WALKING ...
AUGH ...!!
jolt
HUFF
HAAA ...!
... WHERE AM I...
Haa
Haa
URGH ...!
zing
OH, RIGHT... SHOUKIKU MUST'VE ...
...IN-JECTED ME WITH SOME-THING...
Creak

MAN, THE WALLS ARE SPINNING...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...? THEY'VE GOT MONEY TO WASTE ON A BUNCH OF PRIVATE ROOMS, AND JUST LOOK AT THIS HALLWAY. IT ALL REMINDS ME OF ONE BRAT IN PARTICULAR, URGH.. MUTTER MUTTER.
...ANYWAY, YOUKO AND HARUKA WILL GET WORRIED IF I DON'T HURRY HOME. NOW WHERE'S THE EXIT..
halt
E-E-E-E-ED-WARDS!!
NI HAO!
China
HUH?! WHY CHI-NESE?! Am I in China?
NAH... THIS COULDN'T BE CHINA... I GOT IT!
crack
THIS IS THE MINA-MOTO MAN-SION!!
DING DING! BINGO! YOU ARE COR-RECT, SIR!
GUH... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS...
I'm gonna get chewed out as it is.
BY WHO? AND SAY, YOU LOOK UNWELL. ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
YOU SHOULDN'T EXPRESS CONCERN WITH A GRIN

Haah
Huff
...
GUH ...!
HEY, WAIT!
AREN'T YOU IN CAHOOTS WITH MINAMOTO?! WHY WOULD I DRINK ANYTHING YOU OFFER ME?
HOW ABOUT WE HAVE SOME TEA IN MY ROOM?
After you.
NOOO! SON OF A BITCH!!
thud
THAT STUPID MAJOR GENERAL! I WAS COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS! FORCING A HAKAMA-WEARER TO BOW DOWN IS UNCIVILIZED!
HUH? SUDDENLY THERE'S DISSENT IN THE RANKS?
Man, there's a joke in here somewhere about his fetish for split trousers!
SIGH... THE TRUTH IS, I AM NOT ALLIED WITH EITHER SIDE.
WHAT?! REALLY ??
THAT'S TOO BLUNT.
TO BE BLUNT.
GIVE ME HAKAMA OR GIVE ME DEATH!
NO, I MEAN, YOU SPEAKING SO BLUNTLY TO ME NOW IS...
Pretty momentous, for one.

KAN-CHAN'S IN DANGER! YOU GOTTA GO SAVE HIM!
AND SO, I'M JUST SCOUTING THEM OUT, BUT.. THERE'S NO BARRIER COULD THIS BE A TRAP??
YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST MINAMOTO. YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAU-TIOUS, HARUKA!
WHAT A COUPLE OF CLOWNS
WHAT ON EARTH ARE THOSE TWO SHRIEKING ABOUT ...?

BY THE WAY, HAS HARUKA TOLD YOU ABOUT HIS FORMER MASTER??

OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP!
YEAH...

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MINA-MOTO...!!
What's with that goofy entrance?
YOU WON'T WANNA MISS IT!
STAY TUNED FOR SOME MAJOR DEVELOP-MENTS IN OUR NEXT ACT!

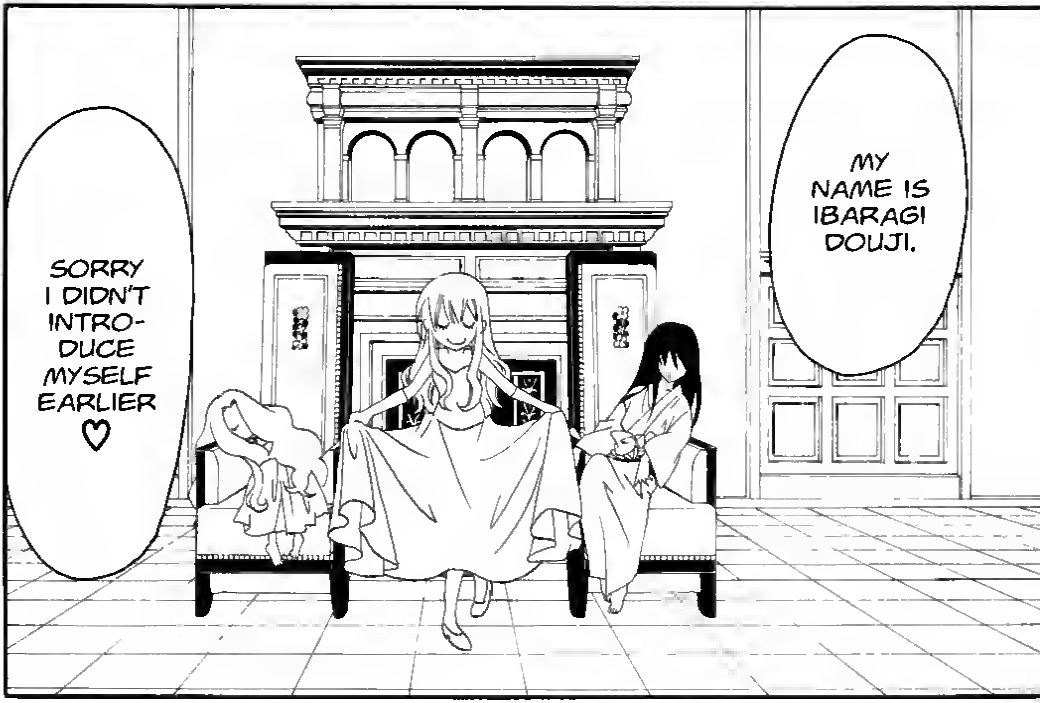
WELCOME, KANTAROU ICHINO-MIYA.
creak

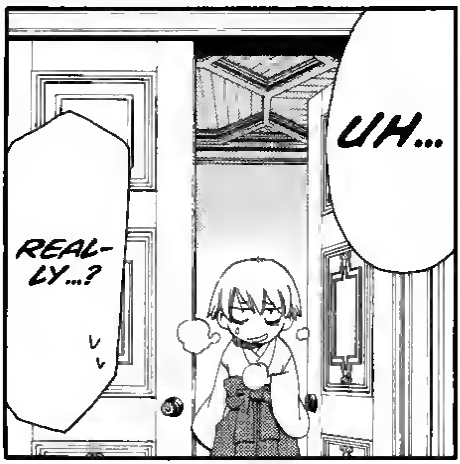
What am I, just comic relief?
I'D LIKE TO GET SERIOUS NOW, SO OFF-STAGE WITH YOU, EDWARDS.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT?

...
IF IT CONVINCED DEMON EATER TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIS FORMER MASTER, THEN TSUGUMI'S DEATH WAS NOT IN VAIN!

THE LOVELY LADIES OF THE HOUSE AWAIT YOU.

...MASTER ICHINO-MIYA.
WELCOME...


SORRY I DIDN'T INTRO-DUCE MYSELF EARLIER ♡
MY NAME IS IBARAGI DOUJI.


UH...
REAL-LY...?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

THE LEGEND OF SHUTEN DOUJI:
THE TALE OF HOW A HEIAN ERA MILITARY COMMANDER, MINAMOTO NO RAIKOU, AND HIS FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS -- WATANABE NO TSUNA, SAKATA NO KINTOKI, USUI SADAMITSU AND URABE NO SUETAKE...
...VANQUISHED THE ROGUE DEMON SHUTEN DOUJI, ALONG WITH HIS ALLY, IBARAGI DOUJI, WHO BOTH LIVED IN OOEYAMA NEAR THE CAPITAL.
HOW SO?
BUT THAT COULD NOT BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH
THAT'S FUJI'S SPIRIT...!

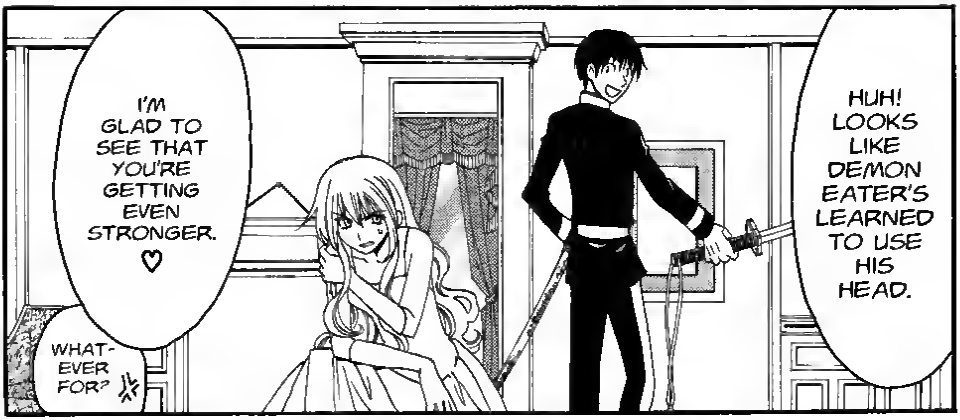
I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH AN EXCITING GAME!
IT'S FUN BECAUSE OUR RELATIONSHIP CAN'T BE "FRIENDLY."
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT, SENSEI?
BUT HOW COULD YOU BE ENEMIES BEFORE AND "FRIENDS" NOW?
IT'S HONESTLY A LITTLE DISCONCERTING.
IF IT WERE TRUE, THEN WE WOULDN'T BE PLAYING A "FRIENDLY" GAME OF OLD MAID WITH IBARAGI DOUJI, NOW WOULD WE?
AND THERE'S A DEMON HERE! AND I FEEL LIKE CRAP!
Oh, really? Hadn't noticed.
PLUS ALL MY CARDS STINK...!
This is a conspiracy...!
BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO INVOLVE THOSE TWO?
OKAY, SO YOU'VE BEEN CONSPIRING SINCE THAT DAY OF LEGEND...
sslip
WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF OBSTACLES.
IF OUR DESIRES ALIGN...
...SO TO SPEAK, THEN IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE TO WORK TOGETHER.

FIRST, WE NEED TO REVIVE "FUJI," THE DEMON-EATING TENGU'S FORMER MASTER.
FUJI'S SOUL IN THE BODY OF A FEMALE MINAMOTO SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, BUT FOR SOME REASON AYAME HAS LESS SPIRITUAL POWER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN, SO SHE CAN'T CHANNEL THE SOUL.
THUS WE REQUIRE ROSALIE, WITH HER HIGH SPIRITUAL POWER, TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY.
THE UNSEALED DEMON-EATING TENGU...
THE GENIUS GIRL ONMYOUJI, LADY FUJI...
AND SHUTEN DOUJI'S REMAINS... ONCE ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED, OUR DESIRE CAN BE FULFILLED.
...AND SO YOUR GOAL IS...
...WHAT EXACTLY?!

SHUTEN DOUJI'S RESURRECTION...
...AND THE DEIFICATION OF JAPAN...
...
...UH...
MY, YOU'RE SHOCKED SPEECHLESS.
THAT'S FINE, WE ONLY WANT ONE THING FROM YOU.
パチン
snap

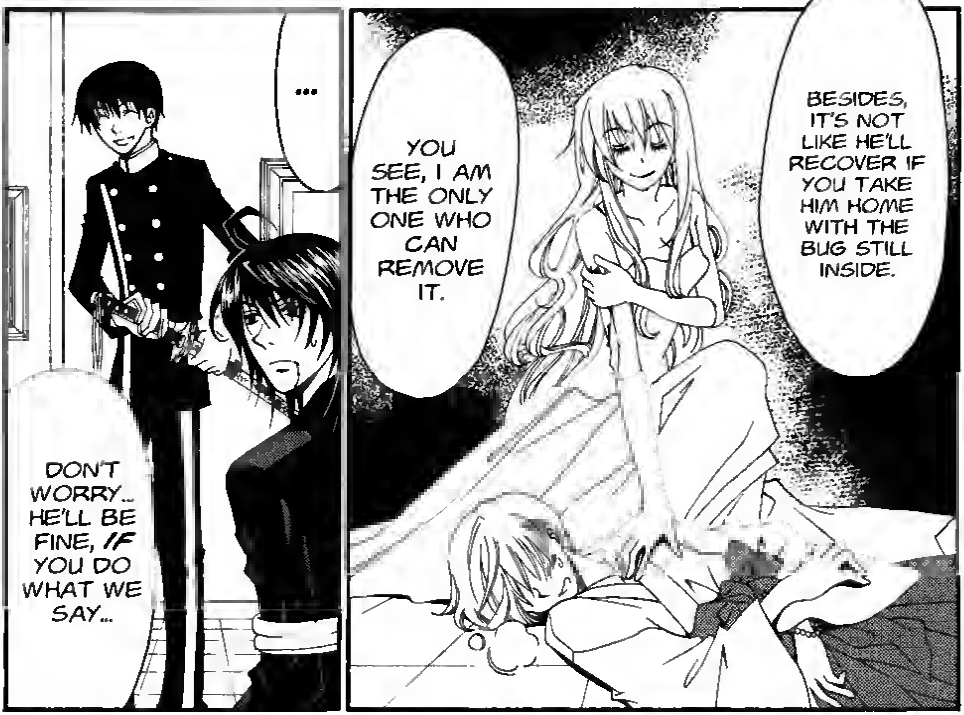
Zing
CANCEL YOUR NAMING CONTRACT WITH THE DEMON-EATING TENGU.
Slither
GWAAH!
YOU COULD EITHER WAIT AND LET THAT BUG DEVOUR YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS...
TO US, YOU ARE MERELY AN INCONVENIENT INTRUDER.
OR YOU CAN DO AS YOU'RE TOLD, AND I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
C'MON SENSEI, GO EASY ON YOURSELF...
...AND ADMIT THAT YOU'VE LOST THIS GAME.
WELL, WE ONLY TOLD YOU ABOUT OUR PLANS...
...BECAUSE YOU HAD NO HOPE OF WINNING FROM THE START.
Shrip
Shrip

WEL-COME, DEMON EATER!
I'M IMPRESSED BY WHAT YOU OVER-HEARD?
OHH!
slash
YOU CAN PULL TRICKS LIKE THIS TOO? AWE-SOME.
STOP THEM, MINA-MOTO!!
WOW...


I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU'RE GETTING EVEN STRONGER. ♡
WHAT-EVER FOR?
HUH! LOOKS LIKE DEMON EATER'S LEARNED TO USE HIS HEAD.

!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE FROM ME.
BUT YOU'RE STILL A YOUKAI.

BLAM!
!!
TENGU GET IN, BUT THEY CAN'T GET OUT.
swish
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SECURE AN ESCAPE ROUTE WHEN ENTERING ENEMY TERRITORY, DEMON EATER.
ZZZrrt!


...
DON'T WORRY... HE'LL BE FINE, IF YOU DO WHAT WE SAY...
YOU SEE, I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REMOVE IT.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'LL RECOVER IF YOU TAKE HIM HOME WITH THE BUG STILL INSIDE.

ALL THOSE YEARS...
ALL THOSE LONG YEARS...
SHE'S WAITED SUCH A VERY LONG TIME FOR YOU TO EMERGE FROM THAT STONE.
BE-SIDES, DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE LADY FUJI?

ker-snap
tug
AFTER SHE TEAMED UP WITH SHUTEN TO TRAP ME?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
swuip
!
...
HE BROKE THE KUJI!
WHY NOT ASK THE LADY HERSELF ABOUT THE MATTER?
HARUKA ...!

THEN I'LL DO AS YOU SUGGEST, AND SEE HER.
WHERE ARE YOU, FUJI?

LET'S SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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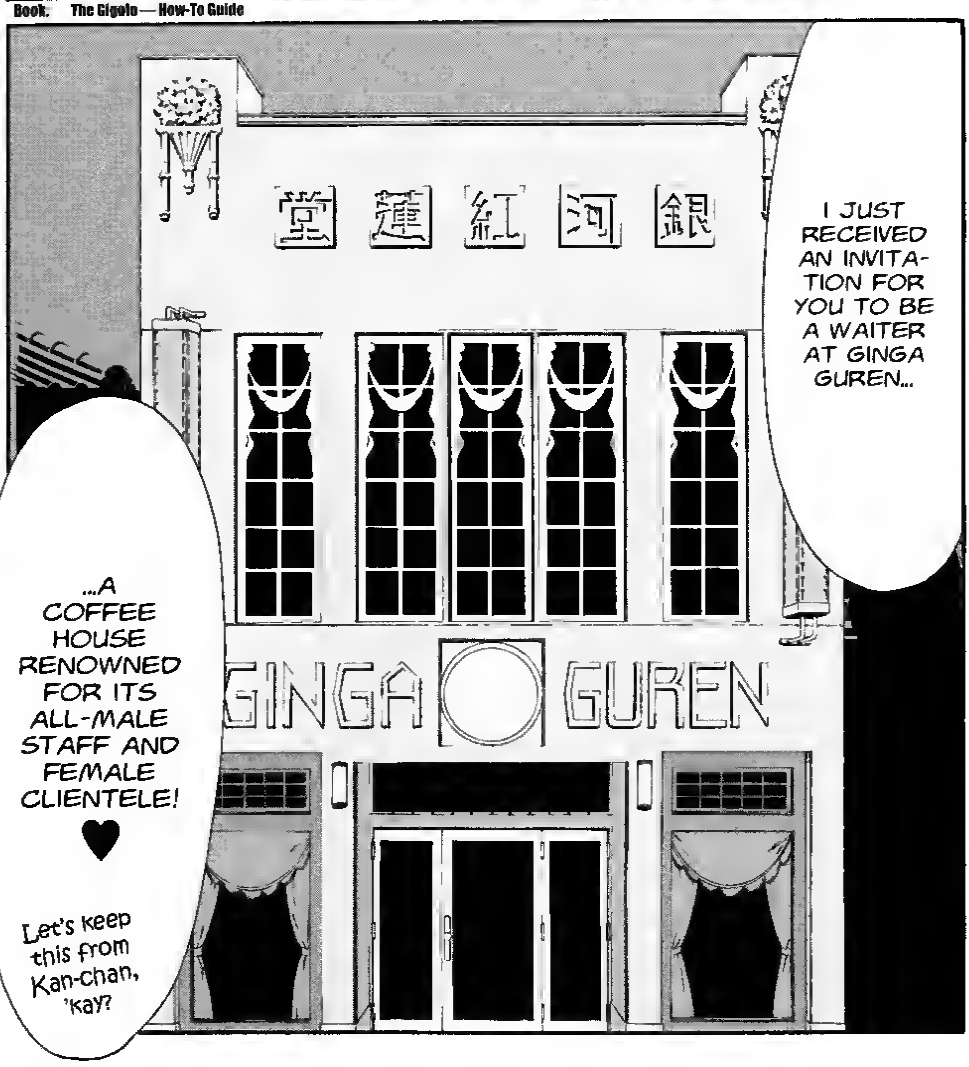
I JUST RECEIVED AN INVITA-TION FOR YOU TO BE A WAITER AT GINGA GUREN...
銀河紅蓮宮
GINGA GUREN
...A COFFEE HOUSE RENOWNED FOR ITS ALL-MALE STAFF AND FEMALE CLIENTELE!
Let's keep this from Kan-chan, 'kay?

Title: tactics the board game

Bullied by Sugino-sama!! Confess 1 sad memory!
Win bet with Hasumi! Sweet victory! Kiss the cheek of the person to your right!!
Ichinomiya Family Meeting! Rest 1 turn!!
GOOOOOAL!
Raikou shows up! Sing 1 song with Raikou!!

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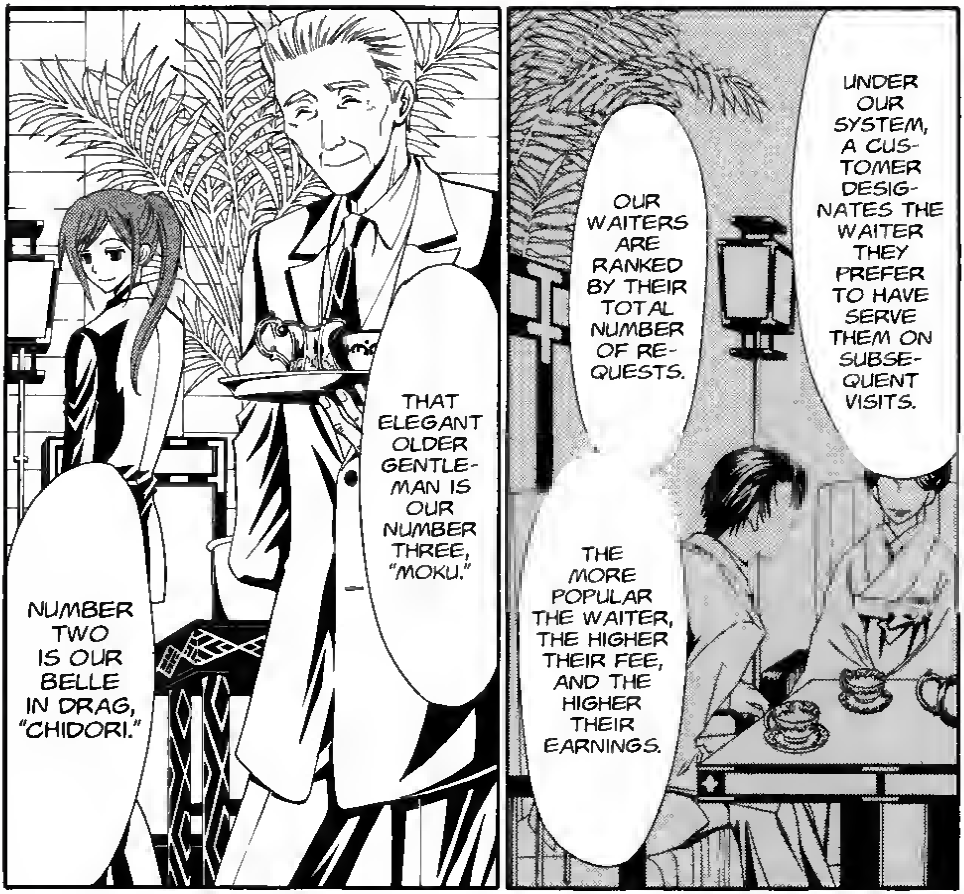
...
YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE WAIT-STAFF OF GINGA GUREN...
...SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A GREAT COMPLI-MENT.
APPEAR-ANCE, DIGNITY, CHIVALRY: ALL RE-QUIRE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SKILL.
I MUST DEMAND THAT THOSE WAITING ON THEM BEHAVE IN A MANNER AS BEFITS THEIR STATION.
CONSE-QUENTLY, LADIES FROM THE UPPER ECHELONS OF SOCI-ETY ARE OUR MAIN CLIEN-TELE.
I EST-ABLISHED THIS CAFE TO TEACH SUCH ETI-QUETTE TO THE MEN OF OUR COUN-TRY.
A PROPER UNDER-STANDING OF THE CONCEPT OF "LADIES FIRST" IS NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO STAND EQUAL WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

I'M SHIKIMI RYUUSEIIN, THE OWNER OF THIS CAFE.
WEL-COME TO THE TEAM.
HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU SOME-WHERE BEFORE ...?
COME, COME! A TRITE PHRASE LIKE THAT WON'T PASS MUSTER WITH ME
I'M MARKING YOU DOWN 20 POINTS ON SENSE OF HUMOR ..
オーナーさんの帳
Incidentally, this is a chocolate cigar.
I wasn't asking...

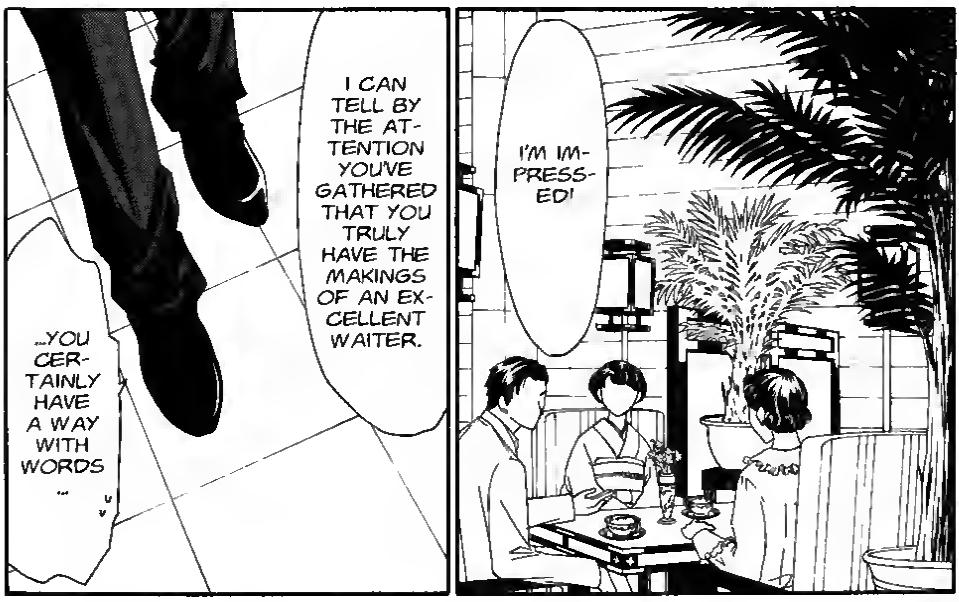
I AM "SUGI," THE MANAGER OF GINGA GUREN. THINK YOU CAN MATCH ME IN SKILL WITH THE LADIES?
Hmm.
THIS MAN WILL EXPLAIN THE CAFE IN DETAIL. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.
THIS MAN'S PRESENCE!
I REFUSE TO HIRE SUCH A RUDE MAN, MASTER RAIKOU!
HRM...
DON'T CALL ME RAIKOU, IDIOT.
GINGA
ADDING 20 POINTS FOR PERCEPTION!
WOW, YOU PICKED UP ON THAT RIGHT AWAY!
How can you criticize when we only just met?!
ARE YOU SURE HE'S CUT OUT TO BE A MANAGER? HIS ACUMEN SEEMS RATHER LOW...

I THINK I'LL INTERVIEW YOU FOR HIS POSITION!
WHA...?!
YOU SHOWED GREAT METTLE WHEN SPEAKING TO MY MANAGER.
You're firing me?!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH
BUT I'M STILL THE MANAGER!
RE-QUESTS ...?
...I'LL MAKE YOU THE MANAGER OF GINGA GUREN.
NUM-BER ONE?
IF YOU CAN DEFEAT OUR NUMBER ONE IN GETTING CLIENT RE-QUESTS...
creak...
THAT'S RIGHT.


NUMBER TWO IS OUR BELLE IN DRAG, "CHIDORI."
THAT ELEGANT OLDER GENTLEMAN IS OUR NUMBER THREE, "MOKU."
THE MORE POPULAR THE WAITER, THE HIGHER THEIR FEE, AND THE HIGHER THEIR EARNINGS.
OUR WAITERS ARE RANKED BY THEIR TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS.
UNDER OUR SYSTEM, A CUSTOMER DESIGNATES THE WAITER THEY PREFER TO HAVE SERVE THEM ON SUBSEQUENT VISITS.

POSSESSING STYLE, ELEGANCE, AND BREEDING, HE IS A MAN WHOM A CERTAIN NOVELIST DECLARED TO BE *TOO* ADEPT AT HIS TRADE.
AND OUR NUMBER ONE IS "YURI," VOTED "MAN I'D MOST LIKE TO MARRY" BY THE LADIES OF THE CAPITAL.

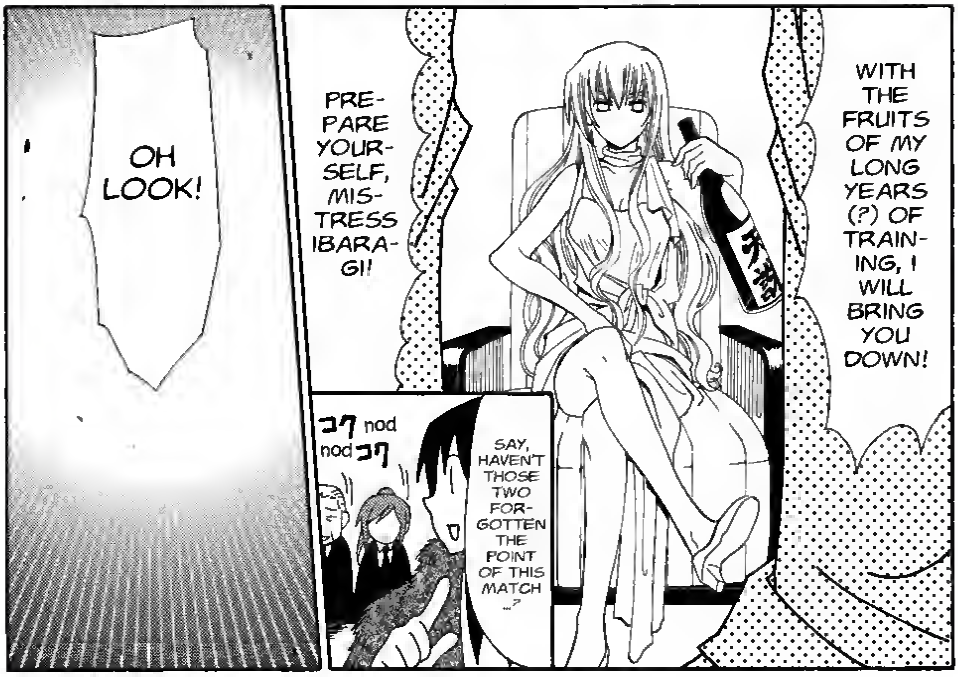
LIKE THE FAMOUS GENJI, "STAND YOUR GROUND!"
...AND YOUR WIN WILL HERALD THE ASCENSION OF A NEW CAFE MANAGER.
WHOEVER GAINS THE REQUEST OF OUR TOUGHEST CUSTOMER WILL BE THE WINNER...
...
DOES HE LOOK LIKE COMPETITION?
BUT I THOUGHT I WAS JUST SUPPOSED TO BE COMPETING AGAINST MR. GLASSES HERE.
SURE, IT'D BE NICE TO MAKE SOME GOOD MONEY...


I CAN TELL BY THE ATTENTION YOU'VE GATHERED THAT YOU TRULY HAVE THE MAKINGS OF AN EXCELLENT WAITER.
...YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS...
I'M IMPRESSED!

HEY YOU TWO!
...AS THOSE COMMISSIONED WITH MEAL PRESENTATION IN WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE GIVEN THE MONIKER 'WAITER,' SO IN THIS MANNER WOMEN'S DESIRES ARE GRANTED BY THE METHODS OF THIS LIFE, THE FIRST
blah blah
AFTER ALL, THE WORD "WAITER" ORIGINATES FROM...
THAT'S THE TRICK TO SUCCEEDING IN THIS LINE OF WORK.
MASTER RAI-- AHEM... OWNER, TO WHOM ARE YOU REFERRING?
YOUR TARGET IS ABOUT TO ARRIVE, SO BE READY!
THE ONE WHO REQUIRES... SPECIAL HANDLING.
JEEZ LOUISE...

YOU KEPT BEGGING AND BEGGING ME TO COME, SO FINE, HERE I AM.
SO YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE THE GREAT AND FAMOUS SHOUKIKU AYANO-KOUJI?
WELL PISS OFF.
YOU *BEEEP*
THERE REALLY ARE PEOPLE WITH LOW ASPIRATIONS WHO DON'T GET STAR-STRUCK BY MEETING FAMOUS PEOPLE.
Gya ha ha ha ha!
SO THEY'RE JUST HERE FOR THE BOOZE?
OH NO...
BEING UNACCUSTOMED TO INSULTS HAS LEFT HIM MORE VULNERABLE.
...I WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO SUCH MISTREATMENT...

AND I'LL TELL YOU, LADY, I'M NO *BEEEP* !!
MY LOVE OF WOMEN, FOSTERED FOR OVER 30 YEARS, SHALL NOT WAVER !!
Smack


OH LOOK!
PREPARE YOURSELF, MISTRESS IBARAGI!
WITH THE FRUITS OF MY LONG YEARS (?) OF TRAINING, I WILL BRING YOU DOWN!
nod nod
SAY, HAVEN'T THOSE TWO FORGOTTEN THE POINT OF THIS MATCH ...?

IT'S MACK-EREL!
ZZt
ZZt
ZZt
WHAT'S THIS BILL FOR? "REPAIR EX-PENSES" ?!
LATER ---
Master Raikou... Try not to be so elaborate with your pranks...
TEASING DEMON EATER IS LOADS OF FUN, EH, IBARAGI?
BOOM
GAHHH!
AUGH! NOT MACKEREL!

OH, COME ON!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, HARUKA!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIDN'T KEEP A TIGHT HOLD ON HER.
WHAT A COLD-HEARTED MASTER...

Wha...?!
ガビーン!
Aghast!
I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU RIGHT AFTER I DROP OFF KANTAROU. SO HOLD OUT UNTIL THEN. YOUKO

YOU JERKS!!
KAN-CHAN, HARUKA-CHAN...

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Suekichinobu Watanabe (age 16?)
You always did look mature for your age.
by Mother
東 Higashi

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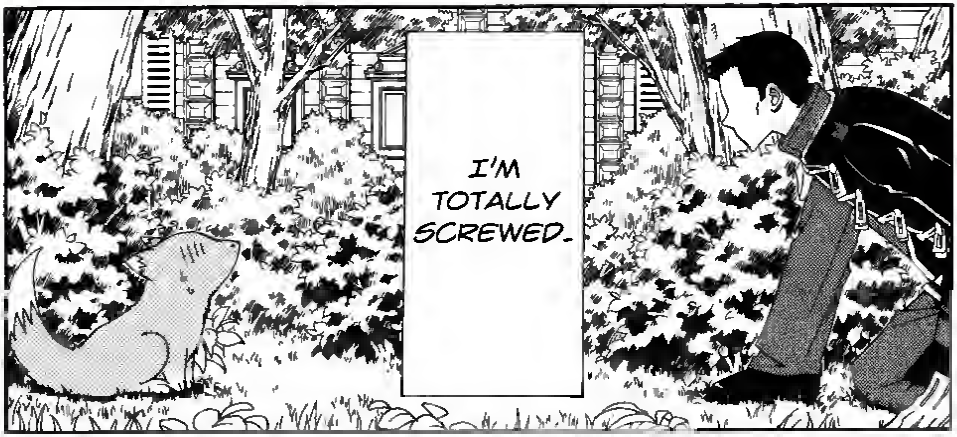
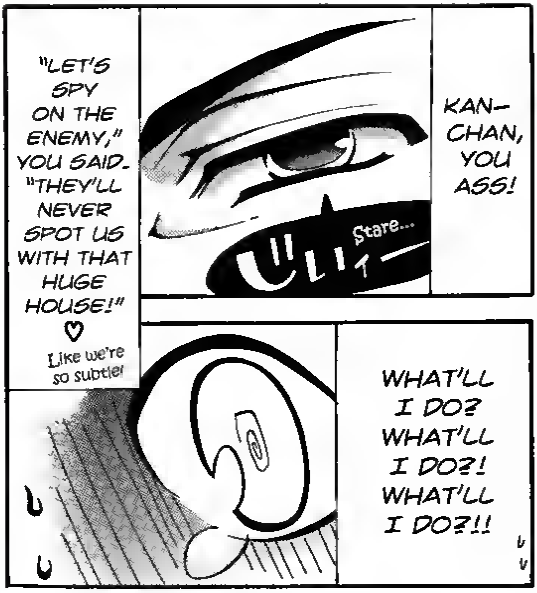
CURSE YOU BOTH.
Chowderheads.
KAN-CHAN, HARUKA-CHAN...

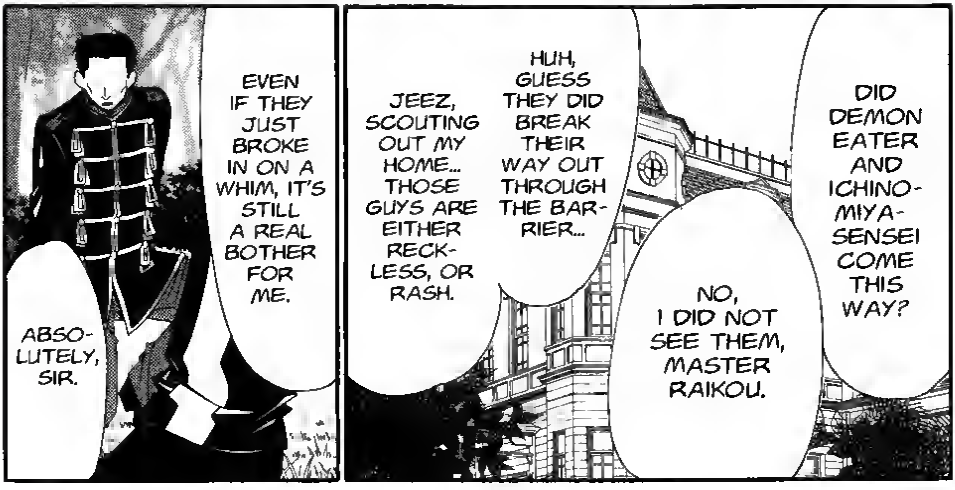

I'M TOTALLY SCREWED.

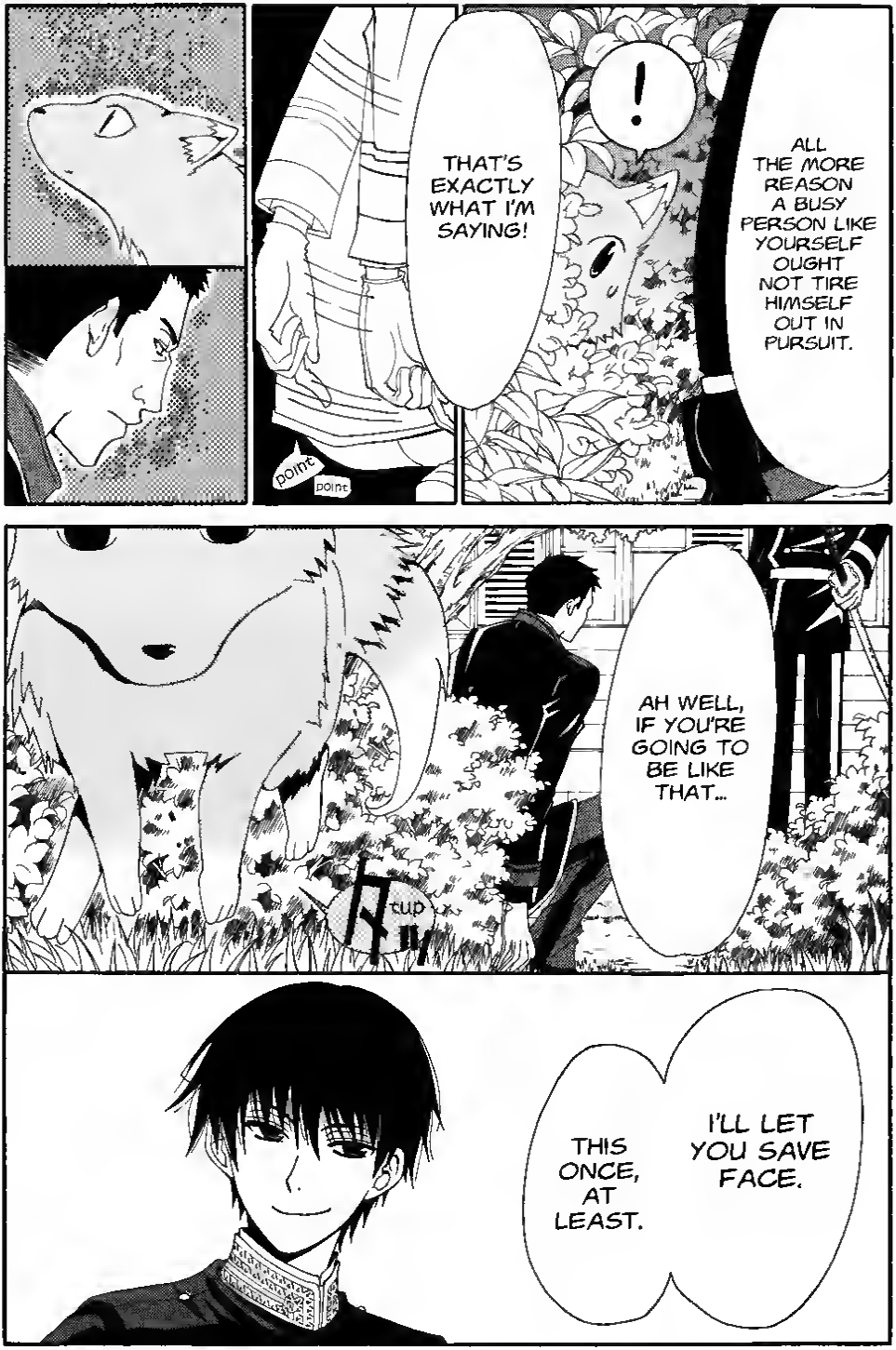

"LET'S SPY ON THE ENEMY," YOU SAID. "THEY'LL NEVER SPOT US WITH THAT HUGE HOUSE!"
♡ Like we're so subtle!
KAN-CHAN, YOU ASS!
Stare...
WHAT'LL I DO? WHAT'LL I DO?! WHAT'LL I DO?!!

AH!
THIS IS THE HOME OF THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT YOUKAI EXTERMINATOR. COULD THIS SERVANT HAVE SPIRITUAL POWERS TOO? DOES HE KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY?!
Stare...
WHY HAS THIS GUY BEEN STARING AT ME SO LONG?!

scrunch
KAN-CHAN!
HARUKA-CHAN!
SAVE ME!!

HIYA, WATA-NABE!
WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?


ABSO-LUTELY, SIR.
EVEN IF THEY JUST BROKE IN ON A WHIM, IT'S STILL A REAL BOTHER FOR ME.
JEEZ, SCOUTING OUT MY HOME... THOSE GUYS ARE EITHER RECK-LESS, OR RASH.
HUH, GUESS THEY DID BREAK THEIR WAY OUT THROUGH THE BAR-RIER...
NO, I DID NOT SEE THEM, MASTER RAIKOU.
DID DEMON EATER AND ICHINO-MIYA-SENSEI COME THIS WAY?


!
ALL THE MORE REASON A BUSY PERSON LIKE YOURSELF OUGHT NOT TIRE HIMSELF OUT IN PURSUIT.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING!
point
point
AH WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIKE THAT...
tup
I'LL LET YOU SAVE FACE.
THIS ONCE, AT LEAST.

HOW VERY KIND OF YOU, SIR.

EVEN THOUGH HE'D HAVE GOTTEN IN TROUBLE FOR IT...
THAT GUY LET ME ESCAPE.

WHAT A STRANGE MAN...
I'VE HAD TERRIBLE LUCK LATELY.
I SCREW UP AT WORK, AND THEN I GO HOME AND BURN OUR DINNER.
IT'S LIKE I GOT JINXED AFTER GOING TO THAT HOUSE...
DID YOUR SANDAL STRAP BREAK?
TODAY, IT STARTED RAINING ON MY WAY HOME!
AND NOW THIS HAP-PENS!
OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK!

Augh..!!
Stop, you cur!
したたた
dash
dash
dash
My sandal !!
I- IT'S HIM?!
HOW TERRIBLE, WHAT WITH ALL THIS RAIN. IF YOU LIKE, I COULD MAKE A TEMPO-RARY REPAIR ...
YIKES!
SWOOSH
FEAR NOT, YOUNG LADY.
WELL, UH...
IT IS A SOLDIER'S DUTY TO BE OF AID TO CITI-ZENS IN TROUBLE.
I AM SUEKICHI-NOBU WATA-NABE, A MEMBER OF THE ARMY IMPERIAL GUARDS.

I'M NOT REALLY A CITIZEN— HECK, I'M NOT EVEN HUMAN—
AH, WONDER-FUL.
I THOUGHT PINK WOULD SUIT YOU.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU IN WESTERN CLOTHES.
FOR ME, THAT IS REASON ENOUGH.
UH... THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO DO THIS FOR ME...
BUT THERE IS.
IT TICK-LES ---
HUH?

Sign: Clothing — Yoshisue Western Apparel

THESE CLOTHES WOULD BE HEART-BROKEN WITHOUT THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNER.
PLEASE DO.
HOWEVER, IT WAS MY FANCY TO TAKE YOU HERE, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THE CLOTHES
NO, I COULDN'T.
Not that...
Have you no shame?!
WHAT A WEIRDO!
BUT BEFORE I KNEW IT, HE'D SEIZED THE INITIATIVE.
HE TREATED ME KINDLY AND GENTLY FROM THE START ---
THIS GUY REALLY IS AN ODD SORT---
flinch
OR I COULD ESCORT YOU HOME FOR NOW, AND SEE YOU ON A LATER DATE.
IF YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO BE, MIGHT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME FOR TEA?
slip
YET, I DON'T MIND, SOME-HOW---

HE'S ALSO A SOLDIER, AND I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR THEM. BESIDES ---
?
BUT HE'S ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAN WHO WANTS TO DO BAD THINGS TO KAN-CHAN AND HARUKA-CHAN.

Clatter
カラン!
OUCH!
HE'S HUMAN, AND I'M YOUKAI.

HERE.
I CAN'T WEAR THESE, YOU CAN HAVE THEM BACK. I'LL RETURN THE REST OF THE OUTFIT LATER.
OH...?
...PAR-DON ME.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THE RAIN'S STOPPED, SO I'LL JUST BE RUNNING ALONG.
FARE-WELL!
YEAH, I'M HAVING HOR-RIBLE LUCK.
I'LL GO HOME, MAKE KAN-CHAN PAY FOR THIS...
--- THEN HAVE HARUKA-CHAN TAKE ME FOR A STROLL IN THE SKY.
I'LL MAKE THEM SPEND LOTS AND LOTS OF TIME WITH ME, UNTIL THIS GLOOMY MOOD CLEARS UP...
DO YOU ENJOY BEING PURSUED ...?

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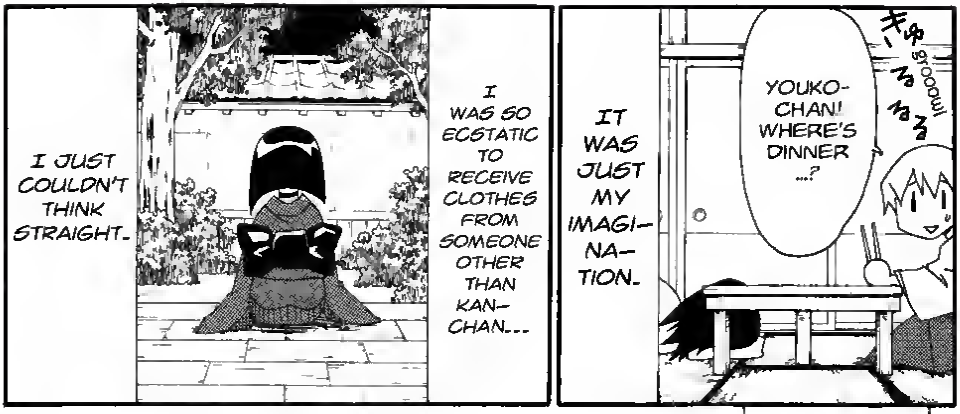
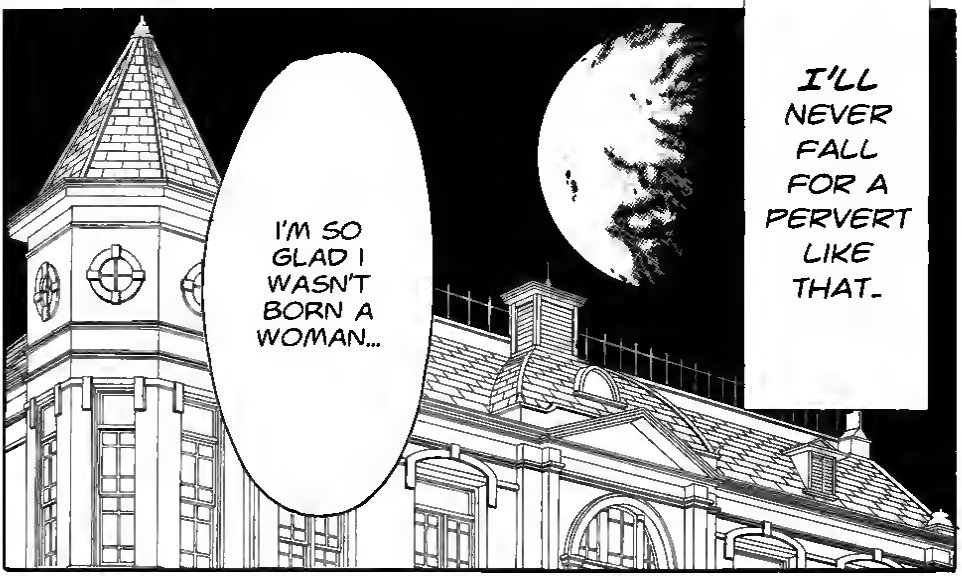
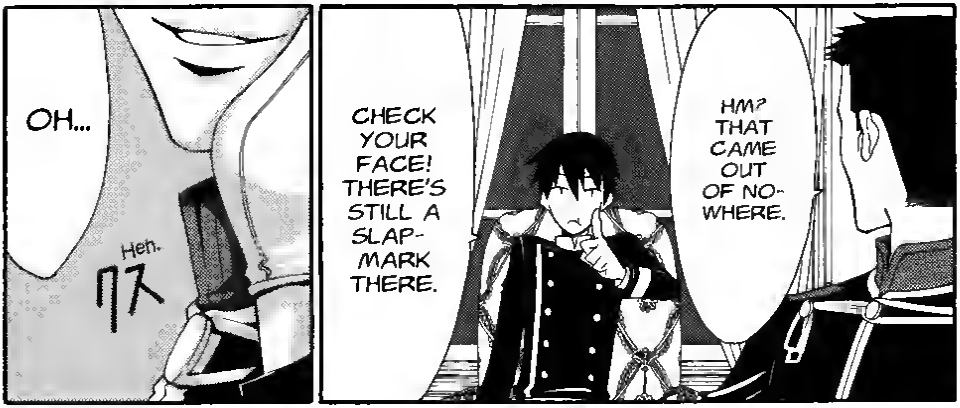
beam
WHA---?!
IT'S DIFFICULT WITHOUT SHOES...
hissss
MISS YOUKO, YOUR SHOES...
GO AWAY! I CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
HM?
UH OH.
WAIT, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
SO, YOU KNEW I WAS "DEMON FOX YOUKO" THIS WHOLE TIME?!
Creeper!
skreee
shock

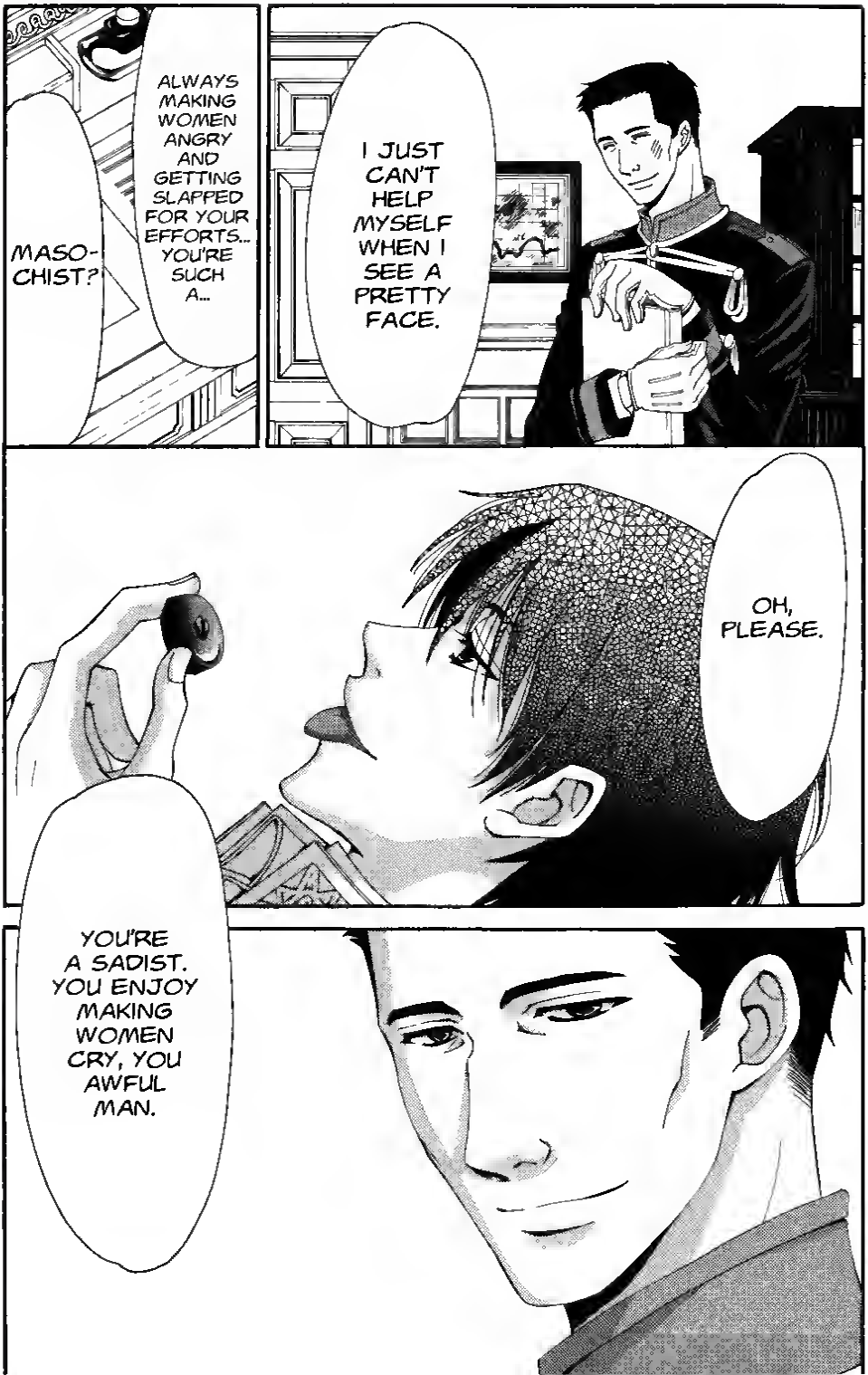
...WHAT...
...ARE YOU DOING...?

SALIVA IS A DIS-INFEC-TANT...
What of it?
WHACK


I JUST COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT.
I WAS SO ECSTATIC TO RECEIVE CLOTHES FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN KAN-CHAN...
IT WAS JUST MY IMAGI-NA-TION.
YOUKO-CHAN! WHERE'S DINNER ...?
mooo


I'M SO GLAD I WASN'T BORN A WOMAN...
I'LL NEVER FALL FOR A PERVERT LIKE THAT.


OH...
Heh.
CHECK YOUR FACE! THERE'S STILL A SLAP-MARK THERE.
HM? THAT CAME OUT OF NO-WHERE.


ALWAYS MAKING WOMEN ANGRY AND GETTING SLAPPED FOR YOUR EFFORTS... YOU'RE SUCH A...
MASO-CHIST?
I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF WHEN I SEE A PRETTY FACE.
OH, PLEASE.
YOU'RE A SADIST. YOU ENJOY MAKING WOMEN CRY, YOU AWFUL MAN.

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT TO MY TASTE AT ALL.
SHEESH! I'LL TELL YOU, I THANKED MY STARS THAT I WASN'T A WOMAN WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
BUT HEY...
THEY DO SAY THE LADIES ALWAYS GO FOR THE BAD BOYS.
HOW IRRA-TIONAL.

Special Bonus Manga Part II - End

WEL-COME, SIR...
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GRACE ME WITH YOUR PRES-ENCE ABOUT NOW.
AS THE NEXT DELIVERY DATE IS DRAWING NEAR, DO YOU MIND IF I CONTINUE WITH MY WORK ...?
WON-DERFUL, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR FOR-BEAR-ANCE.
I HAVE A STORY THAT MAY BE TO YOUR LIKING...
...WOULD YOU DO ME THE HONOR OF HEAR-ING IT?
IT CON-CERNS MY GOOD FRIEND...
...THE FASCI-NATING KAN-TAROU ICHINO-MIYA.

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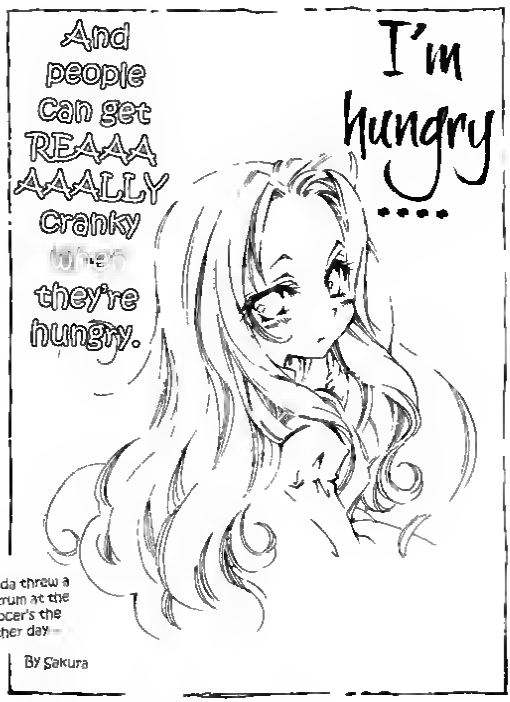
And people can get REAAA AAALLY cranky when they're hungry.
I'm hungry....
I kinda threw a tantrum at the grocer's the other day—
By Sakura

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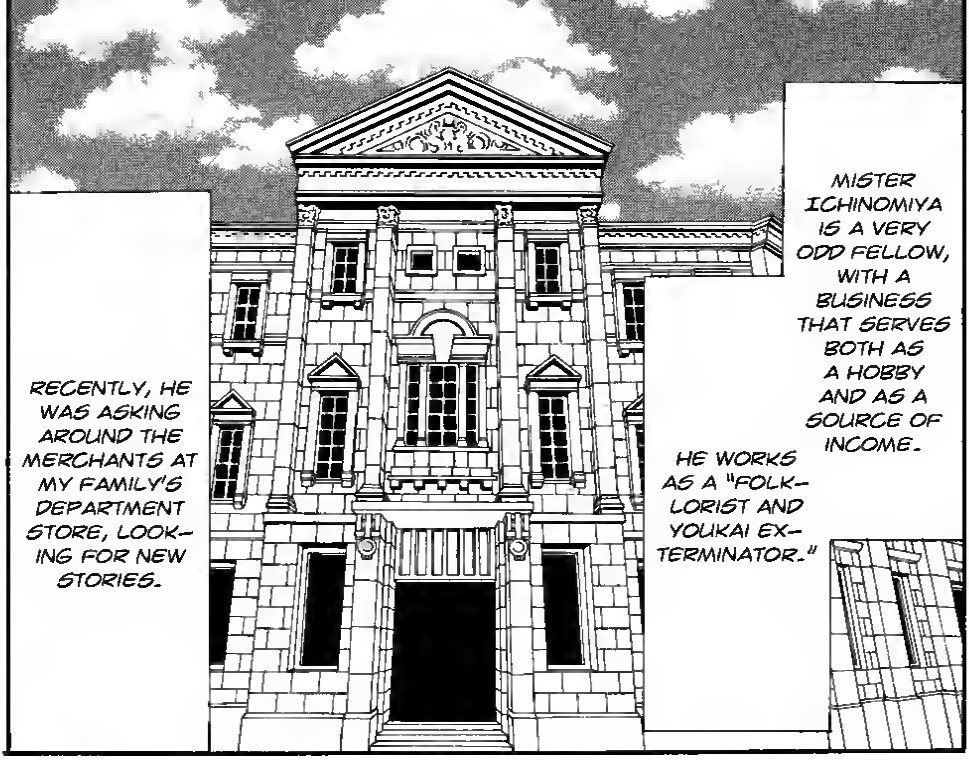
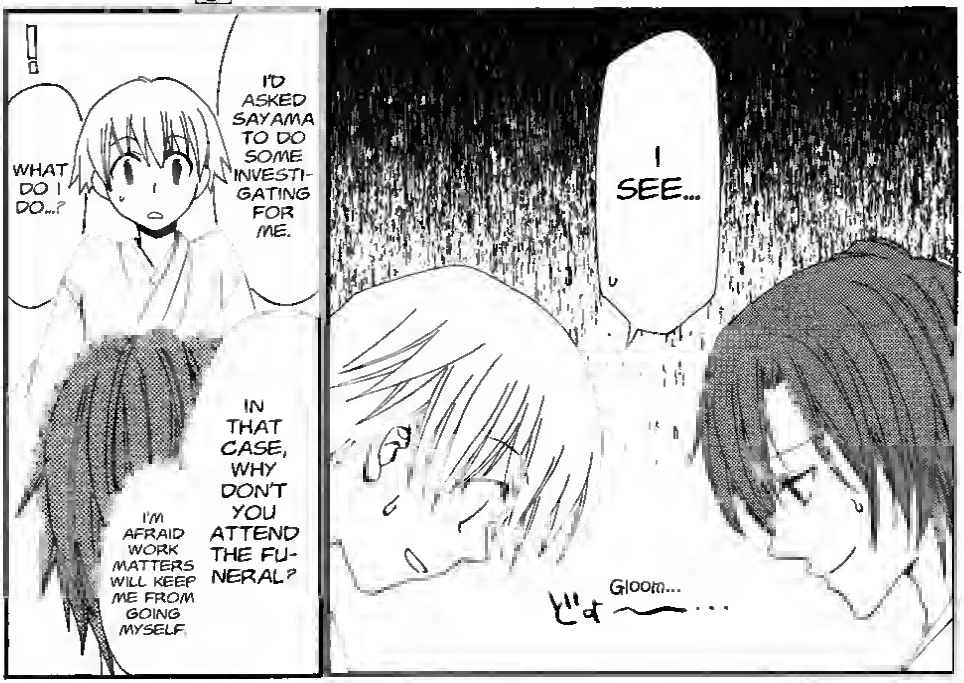

MISTER ICHINOMIYA IS A VERY ODD FELLOW, WITH A BUSINESS THAT SERVES BOTH AS A HOBBY AND AS A SOURCE OF INCOME.
HE WORKS AS A "FOLKLORIST AND YOUKAI EXTERMINATOR."
RECENTLY, HE WAS ASKING AROUND THE MERCHANTS AT MY FAMILY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, LOOKING FOR NEW STORIES.

HE SEEMED TO ENJOY HAVING A SINGLE LOCATION WHERE HE COULD SHOP FOR CUSTOMS AND LEGENDS FROM ALL ACROSS JAPAN.
ICHINOMIYA-SENSEI!
OH! LONG TIME NO SEE, ITOU!
MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT KEEPING IN TOUCH.

HOW ARE THINGS WITH MISTER HARUKA ...?
Grr, don't give me that crap, you pea brain!
HE'S AS REBELLIOUS AS EVER...
WELL, MY PARENTS ABSOLUTELY INSISTED THAT I ATTEND THIS DINNER PARTY.
SO, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ON THIS RARE OCCASION?
YEP.
I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH MISTER SAYAMA OF H-COMMODITIES. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM, ITOU?
I SEE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES, ICHINOMIYA-SENSEI.
OH...
SENSEI, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
WHAAAT?!
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT... IT ALL HAPPENED VERY SUDDENLY.
HUH ...?
... SAYAMA PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY.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I'D ASKED SAYAMA TO DO SOME INVESTIGATING FOR ME.
WHAT DO I DO...?
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T YOU ATTEND THE FUNERAL?
I'M AFRAID WORK MATTERS WILL KEEP ME FROM GOING MYSELF.
I SEE...
Gloom...

DIDN'T YOU ASK HIM TO INVESTIGATE HIS HOMETOWN OF T VILLAGE?
I BELIEVE MISTER SAYAMA WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WENT THERE YOURSELF.

OH!
BUT THE PROCESSION IS TOMORROW...
YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO T VILLAGE IN TIME EVEN IF YOU LEFT RIGHT AWAY.
DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT... I HAVE MY WAYS...
Heh heh heh...
?

I'M NOT SPEAKING TO YOU EVER AGAIN...
grind grind
EVEN A LONG-DISTANCE NON-STOP FLIGHT SHOULDN'T EXHAUST THE GREAT TENGU OF LEGEND, SHOULD IT?
OH, THERE'S THE PLACE. LET'S HURRY, HARUKA!
grind grind
HM?
clatter
AAA!

GAAHHHH!!!
THE BODY'S ...!!
HAS HE BEEN HEXED BY THE KYASHA ?!
THAT UN-GRATE-FUL SON OF MINE!
KYA-SHA? WHAT'S THAT?
HARUKA, GO HELP THEM GET THE BODY BACK DOWN.
HUH?
觀自在菩薩
行深般若波羅蜜多時

空即是色
受想行識亦復如是
舍利子 是諸法空相
不生不滅 不垢不淨
不增不減 是故空中

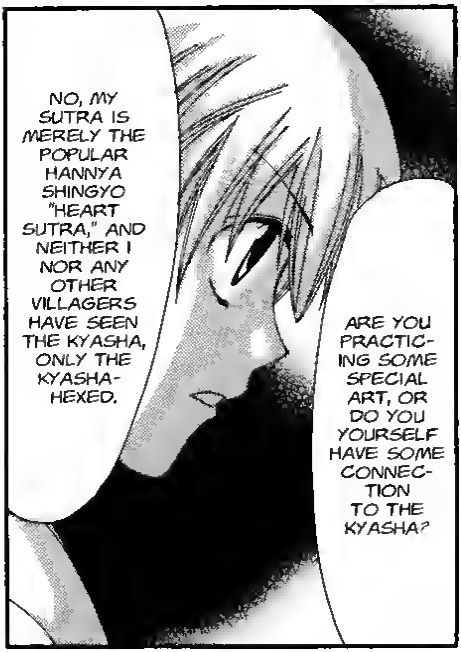
SO MY SON REALLY WAS KYASHA-HEXED! IT'S A DIS-GRACE TO OUR FAMILY NAME!
PLEASE, DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT, MASTER! I'LL PAY ANY-THING!
MASTER FUJI-ZONO!
THE CORPSE FELL...
whump

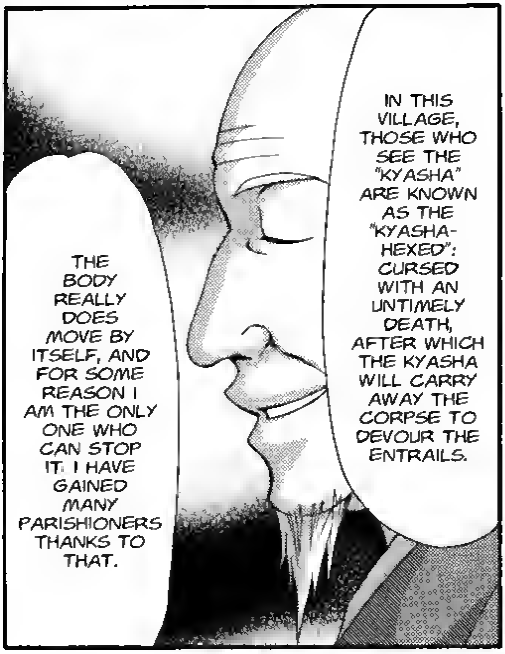
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
gulp!
IT IS TRULY REASSURING THAT YOU ARE WITH US, MASTER FUJIZONO...
I WILL MAKE SURE HE ARRIVES SAFELY AT THE AFTERLIFE, AS I ALWAYS DO.
WORRY NOT, MISTER SAYAMA.
blush
DID YOU JUST SAY THE CAPITAL ...?
CAPITAL ...?
OH, WE'RE ACQUAINTANCES OF MISTER SAYAMA'S FROM THE CAPITAL...
WOW, IS THAT OKAY?!
COULD THESE TRAVELERS STAY AT THE TEMPLE?
MASTER!

...
THE TEMPLE IS MY HOME, SO PLEASE DON'T HESITATE
WELL, THEN I'LL HAPPILY TAKE YOU UP ON THAT OFFER.
rustle

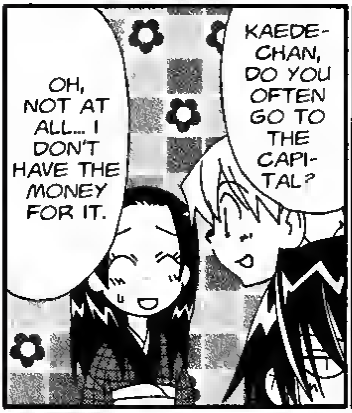
I SEE WE SHARE AN INTEREST IN THE STRANGE AND UNUSUAL.
YES. AND *YOU* WERE THE ONE HELPING HIM OUT, MASTER...?
SO YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HAD THE SAYAMA BOY DO RESEARCH ON THE KYASHA?
IT IS MY CALLING AS A FOLKLORIST TO RESEARCH AND ANALYZE CUSTOMS, SO THAT I MAY PRESERVE THEM FOR POSTERITY.
HE RUMMAGED THROUGH MY LIBRARY FOR STORIES PERTINENT TO THE KYASHA.

I WAS INVESTIGATING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR "KYASHA" AND THE YOUKAI KNOWN AS "KASHA."
AH, I SEE.
THE KASHA IS AN EMISSARY TO PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED EVIL DEEDS DURING THEIR LIFETIME, DRAGGING THEM TO HELL.
CONSEQUENTLY, THOSE FOR WHOM THE KASHA COME ARE SAID TO BRING SHAME UPON THEIR FAMILY.
IT'S ALSO SAID THAT THE KASHA WILL OPEN THE COFFIN AND CARRY AWAY THE CORPSE, JUST LIKE WE SAW WITH MISTER SAYAMA.


ARE YOU PRACTICING SOME SPECIAL ART, OR DO YOU YOURSELF HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO THE KYASHA?
NO, MY SUTRA IS MERELY THE POPULAR HANNYA SHINGYO "HEART SUTRA," AND NEITHER I NOR ANY OTHER VILLAGERS HAVE SEEN THE KYASHA, ONLY THE KYASHA-HEXED.


IN THIS VILLAGE, THOSE WHO SEE THE "KYASHA" ARE KNOWN AS THE "KYASHA-HEXED": CURSED WITH AN UNTIMELY DEATH, AFTER WHICH THE KYASHA WILL CARRY AWAY THE CORPSE TO DEVOUR THE ENTRAILS.
THE BODY REALLY DOES MOVE BY ITSELF, AND FOR SOME REASON I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP IT. I HAVE GAINED MANY PARISHIONERS THANKS TO THAT.

IF NOTHING ELSE, THE FACT THAT THE SAYAMA BOY DIED AFTER HE BEGAN RESEARCHING THE KYASHA HAS FURTHER INCREASED THE VILLAGERS' TERROR.
THEY ALSO DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO STRANGERS... YOU REALLY SHOULD RETURN TO THE CAPITAL BEFORE ANYTHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS.
ENOUGH OF THIS DRY CONVERSATION...
KICK
..IT'S TIME FOR DINNER! ♡
I want all the latest news from the capital, if you will!
I'M SORRY MISTER HARUKA HAD TO HELP ME OUT...
NOT AT ALL! IT WOULD'VE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU TO HANDLE ALONE, KAEDE-CHAN.
WHY YOU... KANTAROU! WHAT ARE--
HARUKA, SIT BOY!


KAEDE-CHAN, DO YOU OFTEN GO TO THE CAPITAL?
OH, NOT AT ALL... I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT.

DO YOU HAVE A PET CAT?
YES, A CALICO. DOESN'T COME HOME MUCH THOUGH-- QUITE A NAUGHTY KITTY.
Hmm
There're scratch marks

OH, DON'T BE SILLY, MASTER... I'D JUST REALLY LIKE TO WEAR BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES LIKE THE ACTRESSES DO...
MAYBE KAEDE WILL GROW UP TO BE ONE OF THOSE ACTRESSES WHO APPEAR ON THE SILVER SCREEN.

!
YOU'RE CUTE, KAEDE-CHAN, SO IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT I'M SURE THAT...

I'M AN ORPHAN, AND THE MASTER HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME.
BUT I REALLY ENJOYED IT WHEN MISTER SAYAMA TOOK ME THERE THAT ONE TIME...

ANOTHER HELPING, MISTER ICHINO-MIYA?
UH, SURE, THANKS.
Oh, thank you, Kaede.
Here!
More rice, Master ...
...

I'D FOR GOTTEN HOW RE-FRESHING THE MOUN-TAIN AIR CAN BE.
ES-PECIALLY AFTER KANTAROU S WORN ME OUT.
rustle/
?!
AHHHH ...

WHAT'S ...
...GOING ON IN THAT ROOM?
...AH.

Huff
Haah
Haa
MOTHER!
HELP ME...
KAN-TAROU !!
Haah
...ROU...
swoosh
KAN...TA...
Haa
Haa
KAN-TAROU...
Huff

Haa
Haah
WERE YOU JUST HAVING A NIGHT-MARE?
YEAH... A BIT OF ONE...
SOME TROUBLE'S COME UP.
HUH?

THE OLD MAN'S DEAD.
RUSTLE

...HIS MONEY COVERED IN BLOOD...
MASTER FUJI ZONO IS DEAD...

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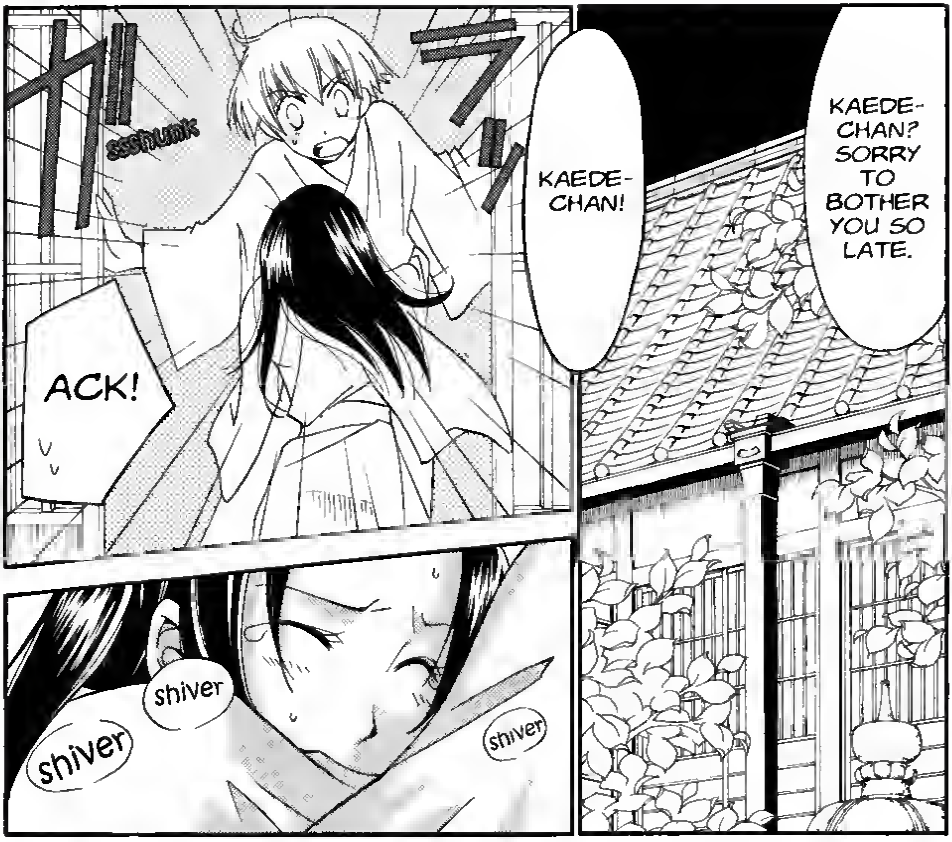
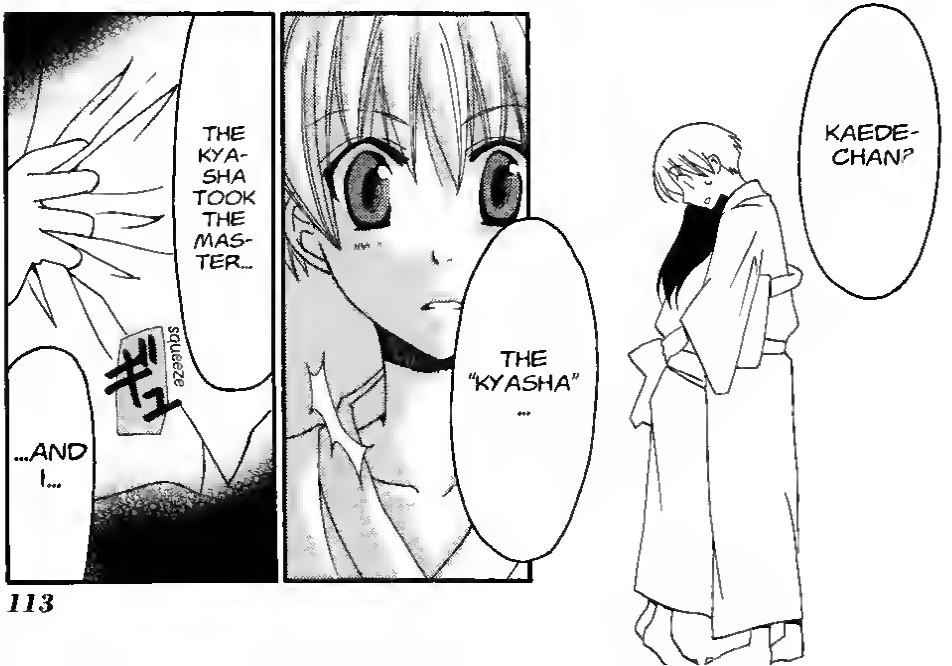
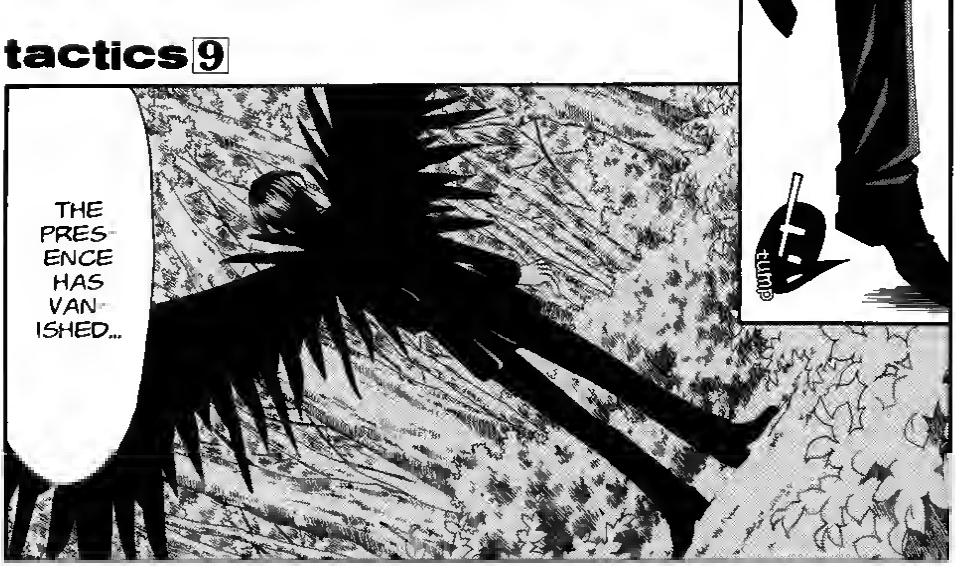

KAEDE-CHAN?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE.
KAEDE-CHAN!
ACK!
shiver
shiver
shiver


KAEDE-CHAN?
THE "KYASHA" ...
THE KYA-SHA TOOK THE MAS-TER...
squeeze
...AND I...

I SAW THE KYASHA!
IT'S GOING TO KILL ME JUST LIKE THE MASTER. HELP ME!
THE KYASHA DID IT?!
flap

HEY!! WHERE'RE YOU GOING, HARUKA ?!
KAEDE-CHAN...
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL PROTECT YOU.


THE PRESENCE HAS VANISHED...
clump

...THE SAME ONE I FELT DURING THE FUNERAL.
BUT, IT'S NOT A FOUL PRESENCE...

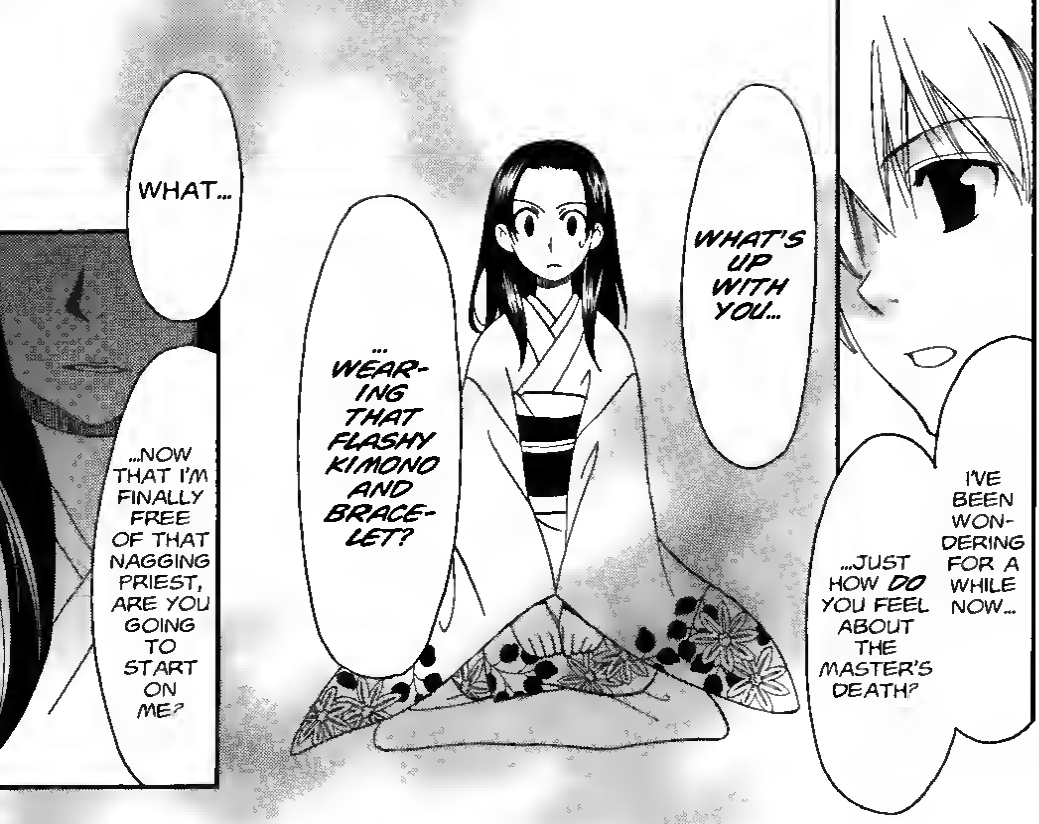
HUSH UP, YOU'LL GET US IN TROUBLE!
FRIGGIN' PUBLIC SERVANTS, SUSPECTING US SIMPLY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE...
GUESS THEY REMOVE YOUR BRAIN WHEN YOU JOIN A GOVERNMENT AGENCY!
SURE, I DIDN'T EXACTLY EXPECT THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE KYASHA IS THE CULPRIT...
...BUT THEY'VE SETTLED ON THE HOARY ASSUMPTION THAT A BURGLAR KILLED THE HIGH PRIEST.
THIS SUCKS, I JUST WANT THIS WHOLE STUPID MESS TO BE OVER.
Sigh
EVERYONE FEELS LIKE THAT, DON'T THEY?
I ALWAYS FEEL THAT WAY AROUND YOU.
Hey !!
THEY OUGHTA BE DONE QUESTIONING KAEDE-CHAN BY NOW, SO WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?
NO KIDDING, AND AFTER SHE BEGGED US TO SAVE HER FROM THE KYASHA AND ALL.
GIRL'S GOT NO SELF-AWARENESS...
I'M RIGHT HERE.
Awkwaaard...
Hic!

Bottle: sake
W-Wait! Stop! Not here!
Urggh...
stagger
stagger
WHY'S HE OUT DRUNK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT ...?!
smack
splish splash
IF YOU'RE GONNA BARF, FACE THAT WAY.
sizzle
drip
EEEEK!!
THIS GUY'S NOT HU-MAN!!
HEY.
?!
bonk

poof
!
THAT'S ENOUGH OF YOUR MISGUIDED, DISGUSTING ATTACKS.
IT'S THE KYA-SHA!
HA-RU-KA!
scuffle
SCUFFLE
whump
...OH ...
A CAT?!

HE CAUGHT THE KYASHA...
...WITH HIS BARE HAND...!
slip
?!
.....
Hmph
UH... WELL ...
poof
I DON'T ENJOY BULLY-ING THE WEAK.
HEY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
EX-CUSE ME?!
OH, HE GOT AWAY!
HE TOOK THE TROUBLE TO CATCH IT... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?!
HOW 'BOUT WE GO BACK FOR NOW?

YOU CHASED DOWN THE KYASHA, BUT THEN YOU LET IT GO ON PURPOSE-- ARE YOU A COMPLETE IDIOT?
YOU'RE WORTH LESS! HACKS!
SWINDLERS!
ナッチーン!
paching
HEY, DON'T YOU USUALLY DO A BETTER JOB WITH THE HOUSE-KEEPING?
HEY, WE'VE BEEN PRO-TECTING YOU JUST FINE!!
YOU CAN'T US SWINDLERS UNTIL AFTER YOU GIVE US SOME MONEY!!
THOSE FIRST INSULTS DIDN'T BOTHER YOU?
Your timing is off.
THE OLD MAN WON'T REST IN PEACE IF YOU LET YOUR-SELF GO RIGHT AFTER HE DIED.
BUCK UP, GIRL.
...


I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW...
...JUST HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE MASTER'S DEATH?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU...
...WEARING THAT FLASHY KIMONO AND BRACELET?
WHAT...
...NOW THAT I'M FINALLY FREE OF THAT NAGGING PRIEST, ARE YOU GOING TO START ON ME?

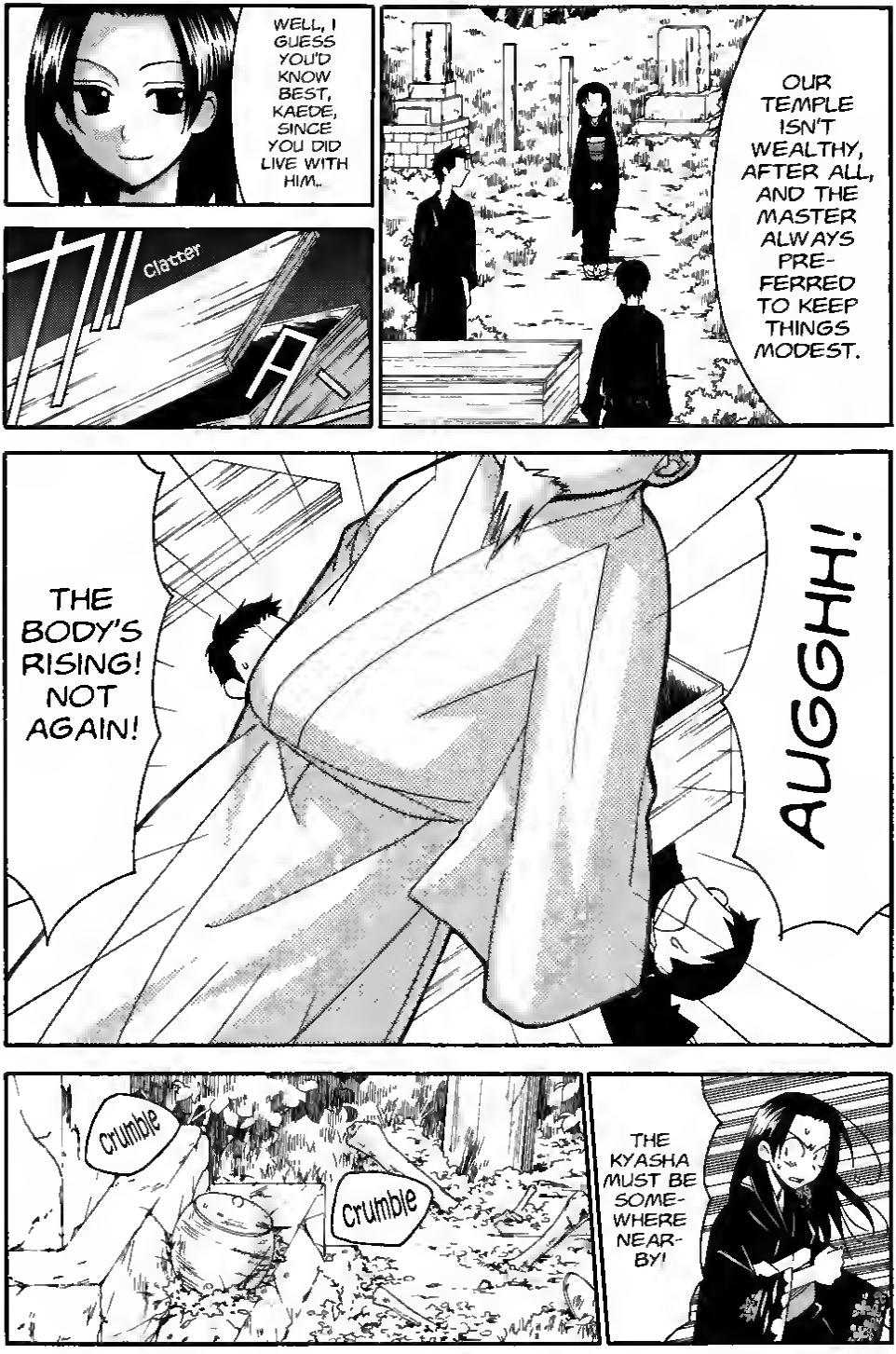
YOU THINK I KILLED THE MASTER? THE ONE WHO KILLED HIM WAS THE KYASHA..
THAT GOBLIN CAT!
ALL RIGHT, FINE...
WHAT?! YOU GAVE IN PRETTY QUICK!

I GOT IT!
CAN I COME WITH YOU TO THE CAPITAL?
THE OVERBEARING PRIEST IS GONE, SO I'M A FREE GIRL NOW.
KANTAROU!!
I REFUSE TO GO ANYWHERE WITH SOMEONE LIKE HER.
SAY...
Uh oh, she's mad...
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
YOU MADE A PROMISE TO PROTECT ME FROM THE KYASHA...
FEEL LIKE BREAKING IT?
OH, WE'LL KEEP THAT PROMISE.

THE PROMISE TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE KYASHA, ANYWAY.
...COME ON OUT.
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE.
rustle
rustle

DON'T GET MAD.
THE PRIEST CALLED YOU THAT HIMSELF, A "NAUGHTY KITTY."
...THE NAUGHTY CALICO.
SO YOU'RE THE CAT THAT THE TEMPLE MASTER KEPT AS A PET....
Mrowr
...
Rowr
Meow
Mrowrrr
MUST BE THIS TEMPLE'S PET CAT...
HM?
IS THAT A STRAY CAT OUTSIDE? IT'S MAKING AN AWFUL RACKET!

...CRYING BECAUSE IT MISSES ITS MASTER.
Merowwwr
Meoww
A WOODEN MARKER WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR HIS GRAVE.
HUH ...?


WELL, I GUESS YOU'D KNOW BEST, KAEDE, SINCE YOU DID LIVE WITH HIM..
OUR TEMPLE ISN'T WEALTHY, AFTER ALL, AND THE MASTER ALWAYS PREFERRED TO KEEP THINGS MODEST.
Clatter
THE BODY'S RISING! NOT AGAIN!
AUGGHH!
Crumble
Crumble
THE KYASHA MUST BE SOMEWHERE NEARBY!

EEEEK!!
CRACK!
HERE IT COMES.
HUH?

Clatter
觀自在菩薩
行深般若波羅蜜多時
whoosh
!
Clatter
OH ...!
...
IN AN OLD TALE...
JUST AS MASTER FUJI-ZONO DID.
BY CHANTING THE HEART SUTRA, I WAS ABLE TO HALT THE CREEPY PHENOM-ENON OF THE FLOAT-ING RE-MAINS.

THERE WERE TROUBLES WITH FLOATING DEAD BODIES, WHICH COULD ONLY BE STOPPED BY A CERTAIN MONK.
THAT MONK'S TEMPLE GAINED MANY PARISHIONERS AS A RESULT.
BUT THE FLOATING REMAINS WERE ACTUALLY THE WORK OF THE CAT THAT THE MONK HAD CARED FOR OVER MANY YEARS, IN REPAYMENT FOR HIS KINDNESS.
IT'S QUITE A STORY.
MASTER FUJIZONO MAY HAVE DIED WITHOUT KNOWING THAT IT WAS YOUR DOING...
...BUT YOU KNOW HE WOULDN'T WISH HARM ON OTHERS, RIGHT?
IF HE WASN'T A GOOD PERSON, THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE REPAYING HIM.
!
...

...WHY ARE YOU JUST LETTING THAT MONSTER GO?
THE CAT WAS ONLY CAUSING THE PHENOMENON TO HELP MASTER FUJIZONO, SO IT NEEDN'T COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE ANYMORE.
EVERYTHING'S FINE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! YOU SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT!!
YOU SEE...
...I SIMPLY CAN'T BELIEVE THE KYASHA WOULD KILL A PRIEST SO BELOVED BY EVERYONE.
IT'S MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT HE WAS KILLED BY SOMEONE ELSE, WHO THEN LET THE "KYASHA" GET BLAMED FOR IT.
OH, AND THERE WAS NEVER ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS VILLAGE'S "KYASHA" AND THE YOUKAI "KASHA". ALTHOUGH THE KASHA IS SOMETIMES ASSOCIATED WITH CATS
AT ANY RATE, NOW THAT WE'VE FULFILLED OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE KYASHA. IT'S TIME WE LEFT.
...

WELL, FINE. SINCE I'M GOING TO THE CAPITAL TOMORROW, I WON'T EVER HAVE TO SEE THAT KYASHA AGAIN ANYWAY.
snap!
!!
!
MY BRACE-LET...!
FORGET ABOUT IT.
IT MUST'VE BEEN SICK OF BEING IN CONTACT WITH YOU.
I KNOW I'D BE.

WHAT-EVER...
I'M GOING TO BREAK FREE OF THIS CRUMMY VILLAGE AND LIVE IT UP IN THE CAPI-TAL!

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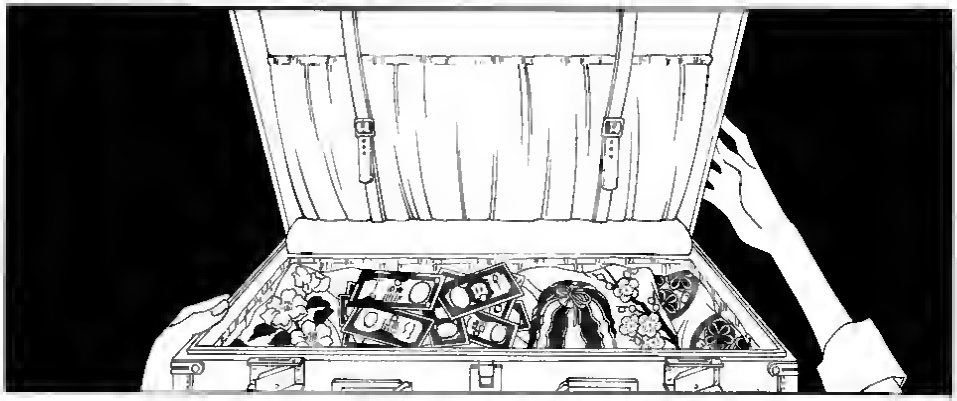
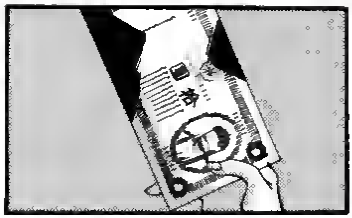
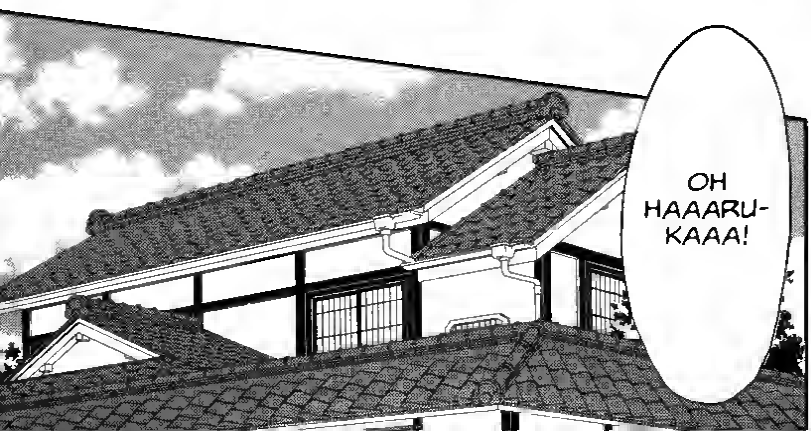




SWOOP

BOOM


OH HAAARU-KAAA!

I'M OFF TO SEE MISS REIKO.
CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE ABOUT "KARMIC PAY-BACK"...
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!
HUH?
IS THIS ...
HEY.
ONE MAY ESCAPE THE "KYASHA," BUT THE TRUE "KASHA" NEVER GIVES UP THE PUR-SUIT.
SCARY, HUH?
THEN, SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE CARE-FUL?

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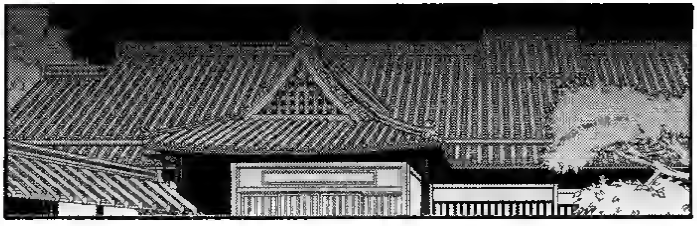
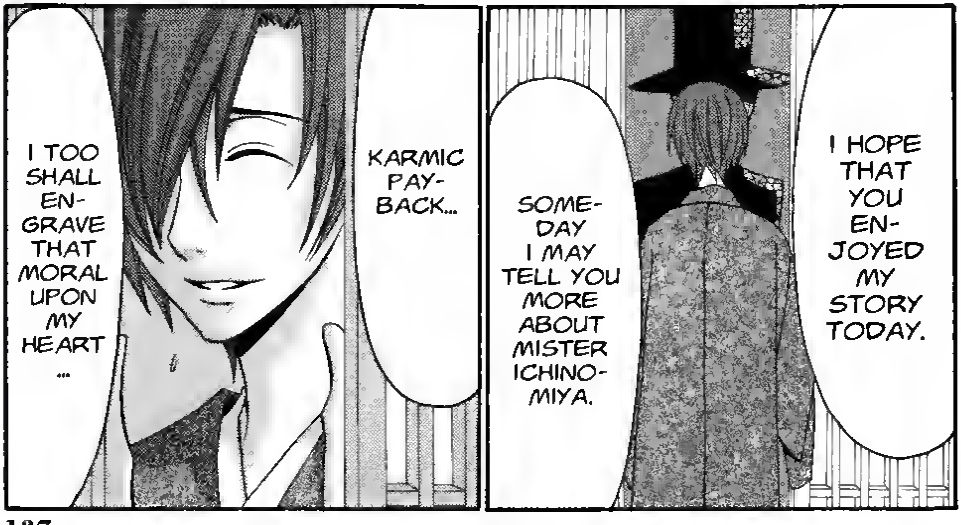
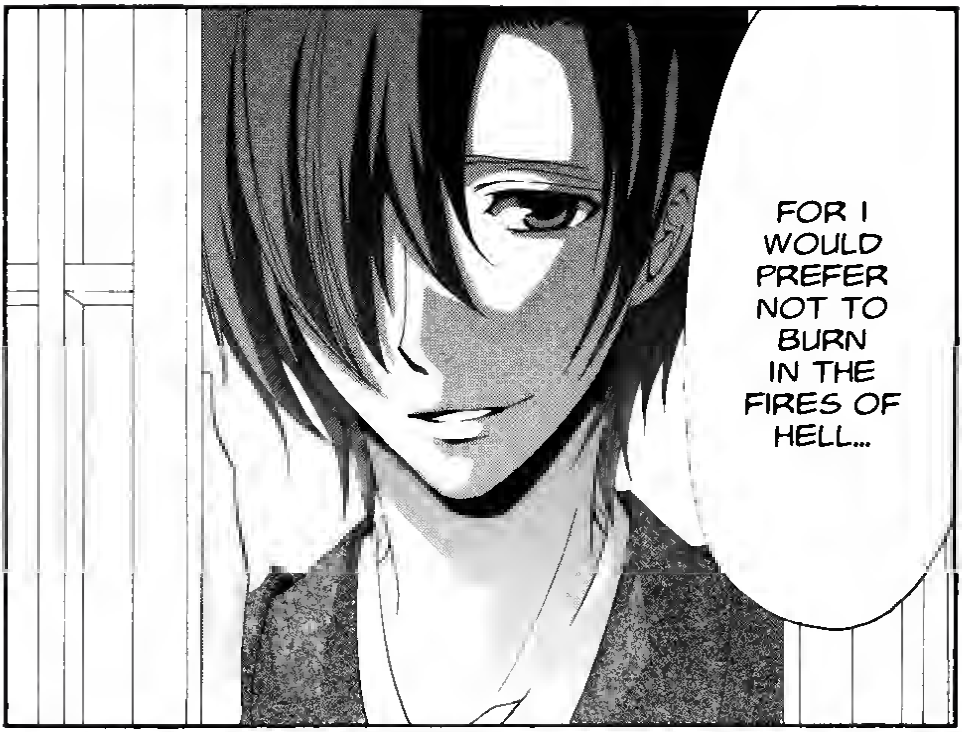



I TOO SHALL EN-GRAVE THAT MORAL UPON MY HEART ...
KARMIC PAY-BACK...
SOME-DAY I MAY TELL YOU MORE ABOUT MISTER ICHINO-MIYA.
I HOPE THAT YOU EN-JOYED MY STORY TODAY.


FOR I WOULD PREFER NOT TO BURN IN THE FIRES OF HELL...

...LORD KASHA.

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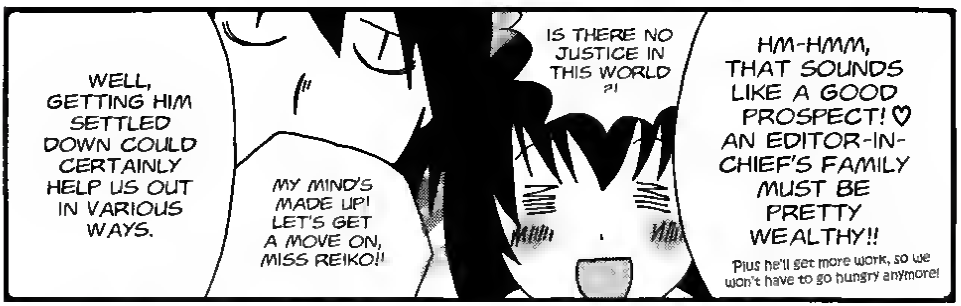
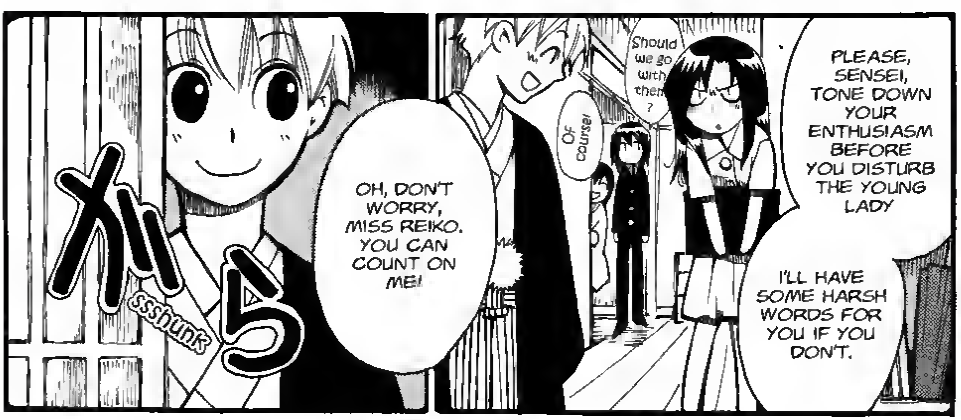
SENSEI! GOOD TO SEE YOU!!
OH, MISS REIKO, UH...
DIDN'T I ALREADY HAND IN MY WORK FOR THIS MONTH...?
Gulp!
Reflex
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT HERE ON BUSINESS. WHY, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING GOING ON TODAY, ICHINOMIYA-SENSEI? ANYTHING IMPORTANT?
UH, WELL... NOT... REALLY...
THEN IT'S SETTLED!
I'VE LINED UP...
...AN OMIAI FOR YOU!
Whaaa?!

*An Omiai is a formal marriage meetup via a matchmaker where a prospective couple meets to determine if they'd be a good pair.

W-WAIT, MISS REIKO, PLEASE!
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT INTER-ESTED IN MAR-RIAGE!!
AND MAR-RIAGE WILL BE JUST THE THING TO DO IT!!
BUT MISS REIKO, WOULDN'T IT JUST BE RUDE TO SUBJECT A PROSPECTIVE BRIDE TO AN OMIAI WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS NO INTENTION TO MAR-RY?
OUCH ...
gooong
WHAT'S UP, HARUKA-CHAN? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KAN-CHAN?
HE'S GETTING FIXED UP.
WOW!!
SENSEI, I BELIEVE THAT YOU SLACKING OFF WITH YOUR WORK...
...STEMS FROM YOUR IRRESPON-SIBLE ATTI-TUDE.
That's him.
Quite right.
IT'S TIME YOU SHOWED YOURSELF TO BE A MAN CAPABLE OF MAKING COMMIT-MENTS.

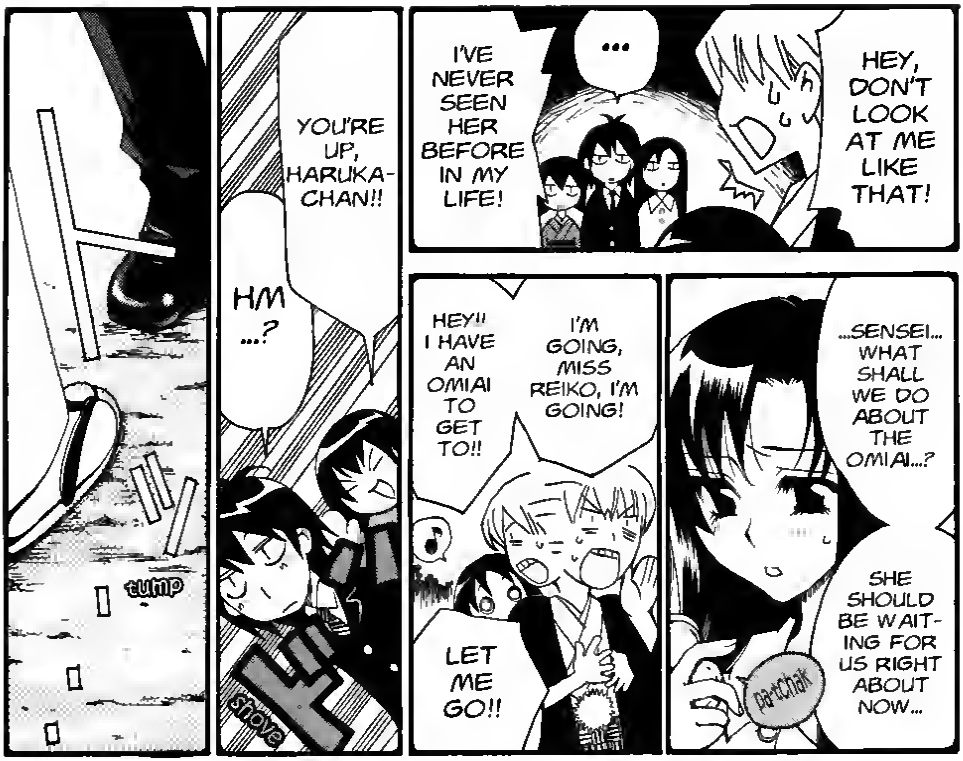
BUT, THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF INSISTS THAT I FIND A HUSBAND FOR HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER!!
ALL RIGHT! OMIAI, HERE I COME!!
I LOOK SO PATHETIC, HAVING TO ARRANGE A MARRIAGE FOR THIS BUNGLING AUTHOR WHEN I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED YET!
I HATE YOU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF!
Waahh!
WELL, YOU SEE... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M PLAYING MATCH-MAKER BECAUSE I WANT TO, SENSEI.
Sigh...
HUH?! REALLY ?!
munch sip munch sip
WELL OF COURSE! YOU'RE ALREADY A PAIN TO DEAL WITH PROFESSIONALLY, WHY WOULD I WANT TO MANAGE YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS AS WELL?
TH-THAT WAS BLUNT ...

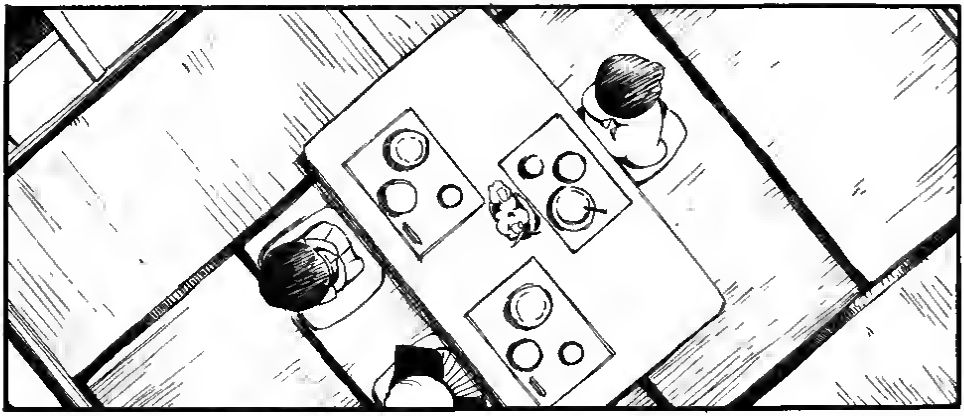

WELL, GETTING HIM SETTLED DOWN COULD CERTAINLY HELP US OUT IN VARIOUS WAYS.
MY MIND'S MADE UP! LET'S GET A MOVE ON, MISS REIKO!!
IS THERE NO JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD ?!
HM-HMM, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PROSPECT!♡ AN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S FAMILY MUST BE PRETTY WEALTHY!!
Plus he'll get more work, so we won't have to go hungry anymore!

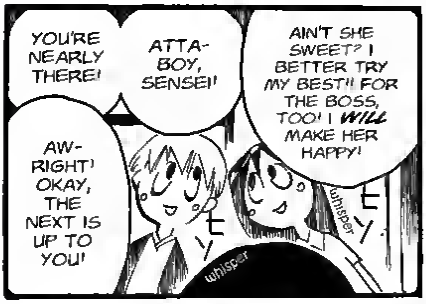

ssshunk
OH, DON'T WORRY, MISS REIKO. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
Should we go with them ?
Of course!
PLEASE, SENSEI, TONE DOWN YOUR ENTHUSIASM BEFORE YOU DISTURB THE YOUNG LADY
I'LL HAVE SOME HARSH WORDS FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T.

GREETINGS, SIR.
I HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

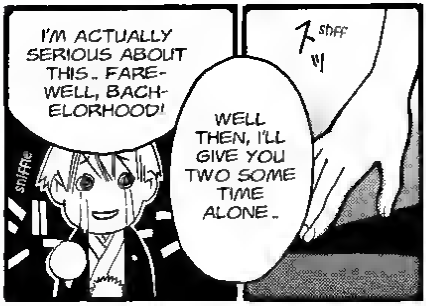
HUH?
SORRY, BUT... I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG ADDRESS...
DO YOU KNOW THIS GIRL, SENSEI?
N-NO...
I'VE NO CLUE WHO SHE COULD BE.
SO, UH, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
WHAT? SOMEONE'S IN THE ENTRYWAY? IS THAT A GIRL?
I HAVE TRAVELED A GREAT DISTANCE SO THAT I MIGHT OFFER MYSELF AS YOUR BRIDE, KANTAROU-SAMA!
glomp
WAUGHH!

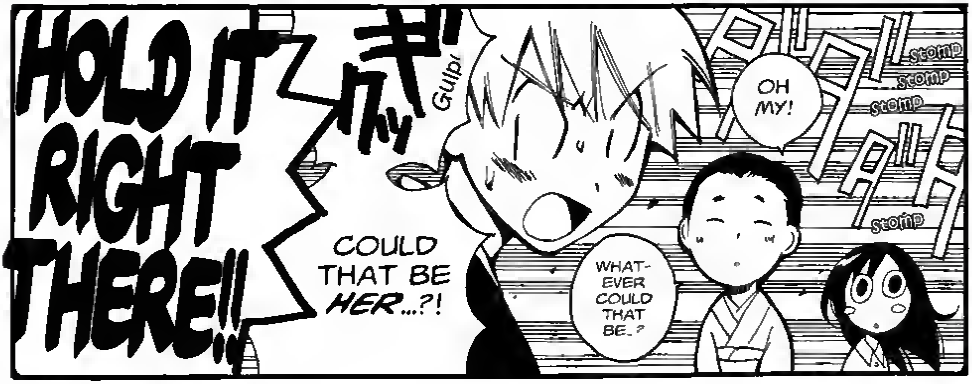

tump
YOU'RE UP, HARUKA-CHAN!!
HM ...?
stove
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
...
HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
HEY!! I HAVE AN OMIAI TO GET TO!!
I'M GOING, MISS REIKO, I'M GOING!
LET ME GO!!
...SENSEI... WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THE OMIAI...?
SHE SHOULD BE WAITING FOR US RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
pa-tChak
THEY SWIRL LIKE THE SPIRALING MILKY WAY, WITH... THICK CLOUDS? LIKE IN A WINTER STORM OF LOVE, BLOWING AGAINST MY HEART, THE ENDLESS MILKY WAY OF PASSION...
Pheromones
? ?
Run for it, Kan-chan! GO, GO!!
Haruka!
C-CALM DOWN, MISS REIKO!!
MISTER HARUKA ?!
UH, I JUST ...I'M LOST...IN YOUR LOVELY EYES.
plip-tunk

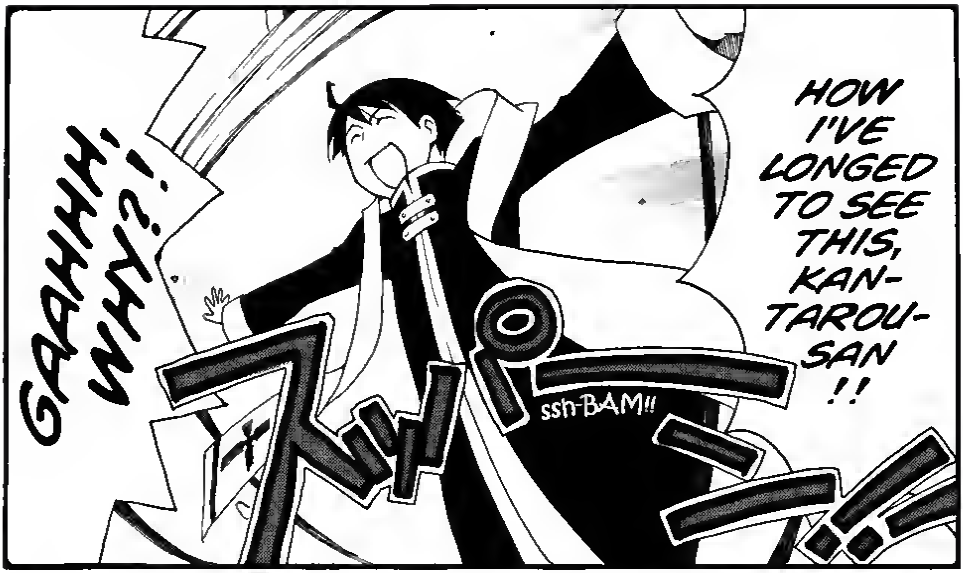


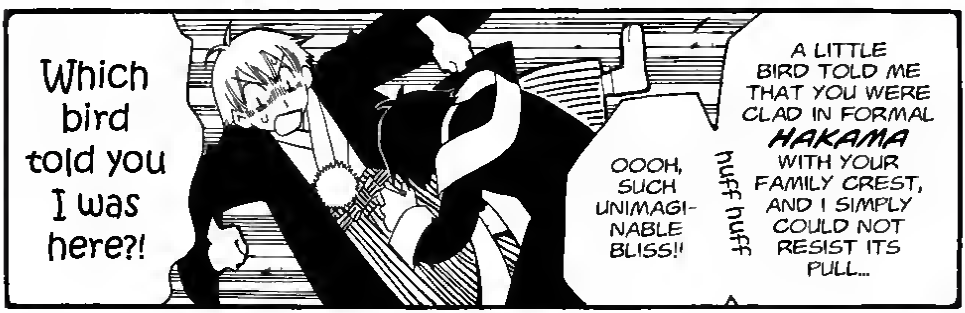

YOU'RE NEARLY THERE!
ATTA-BOY, SENSEI!
AIN'T SHE SWEET? I BETTER TRY MY BEST!! FOR THE BOSS, TOO! I WILL MAKE HER HAPPY!
AW-RIGHT! OKAY, THE NEXT IS UP TO YOU!
whisper
whisper

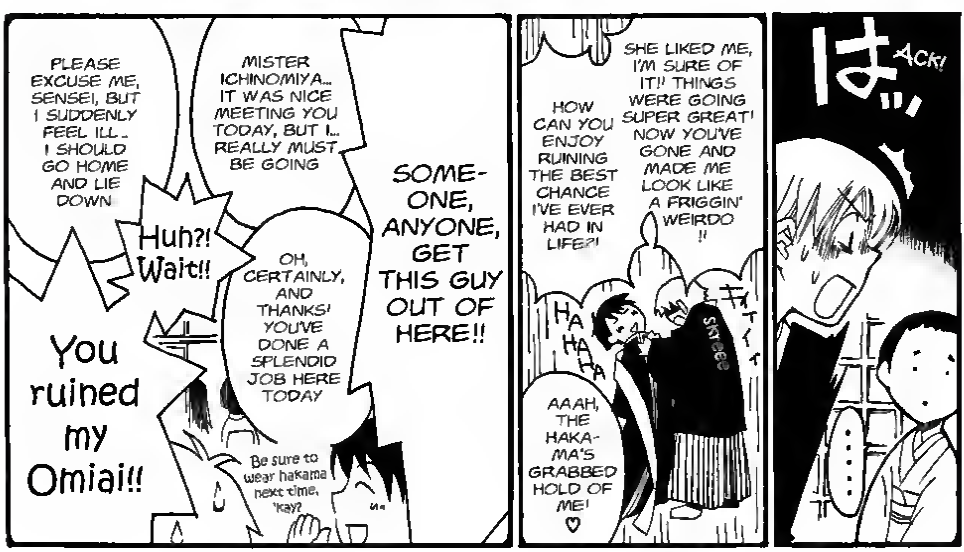
HO HO HO... YOU ARE RATHER AMUSING, MISTER ICHINO-MIYA.
HA HA HA, YOU COULD SAY THAT I AM BUT A FOOL FOR LOVE, AFTER ALL.


I'M ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS. FARE-WELL, BACH-ELORHOOD!
WELL THEN, I'LL GIVE YOU TWO SOME TIME ALONE.
stiff
stiffle


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
GULP!
COULD THAT BE HER...?!
OH MY!
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
WHAT-EVER COULD THAT BE...?

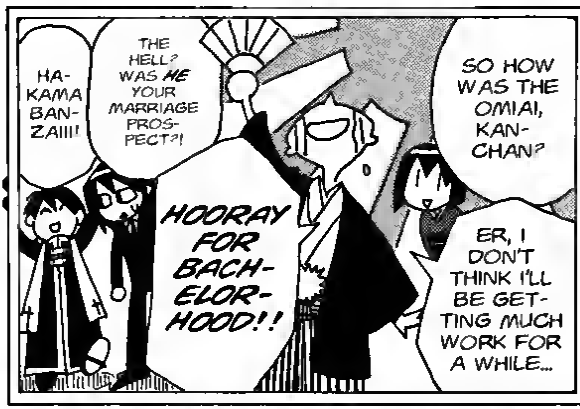

GAAHHH, WHY?!
ssh-BAM!!
HOW I'VE LONGED TO SEE THIS, KAN-TAROU-SAN!!


Which bird told you I was here?!
A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE CLAD IN FORMAL HAKAMA WITH YOUR FAMILY CREST, AND I SIMPLY COULD NOT RESIST ITS PULL...
huff huff
OOOH, SUCH UNIMAGI-NABLE BLISS!!


PLEASE EXCUSE ME, SENSEI, BUT I SUDDENLY FEEL ILL... I SHOULD GO HOME AND LIE DOWN
MISTER ICHINOMIYA... IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU TODAY, BUT I... REALLY MUST BE GOING
SOME-ONE, ANYONE, GET THIS GUY OUT OF HERE!!
Huh?! Wait!!
OH, CERTAINLY, AND THANKS! YOU'VE DONE A SPLENDID JOB HERE TODAY
You ruined my Omiai!!
Be sure to wear hakama next time, 'kay?
HOW CAN YOU ENJOY RUINING THE BEST CHANCE I'VE EVER HAD IN LIFE?!
SHE LIKED ME, I'M SURE OF IT!! THINGS WERE GOING SUPER GREAT! NOW YOU'VE GONE AND MADE ME LOOK LIKE A FRIGGIN' WEIRDO !!
HA HA HA
AAAH, THE HAKA-MA'S GRABBED HOLD OF ME! ♡
ACK!
...

swift
bonk
SO... SO COOL!!
I HAVE COME TO YOUR AID, SIR! ♡
NOW, WOULD YOU MARRY ME...?
K-KAN-TAROU! SHE'S A...!!
I DO...
BUT WHO ON EARTH COULD YOU BE?

...LITTLE SISTER ...!
HUH?
I AM THAT KAPPA'S ...
GAWRSH, SIS! WHUT ER YA DOIN' HERE?!
...THAT I JUST HAD TO COME AND REPAY YOU IN HIS STEAD.
OH, YOU'RE A KAWA-USO!
KAWAUSO-- A RIVER OTTER WHO CAN TRANS-FORM INTO A BEAUTIFUL BOY OR GIRL. SAID TO BECOME KAPPA LATER IN LIFE.
splish
AH CAME FER YA!
YOU WERE SO HELPFUL TO MY BROTHER, MASTER KANTA-ROU...
draggg
...
AAAH, MY KANTA-ROU-SAMAAA ...
WE'RE AGOIN' BACK TA THE MOUNTAIN!! NOW GIT!


HA-KAMA BAN-ZAIII!
THE HELL? WAS ME YOUR MARRIAGE PROS-PECT?!
HOORAY FOR BACH-ELOR-HOOD!!
SO HOW WAS THE OMIAI, KAN-CHAN?
ER, I DON'T THINK I'LL BE GET-TING MUCH WORK FOR A WHILE...

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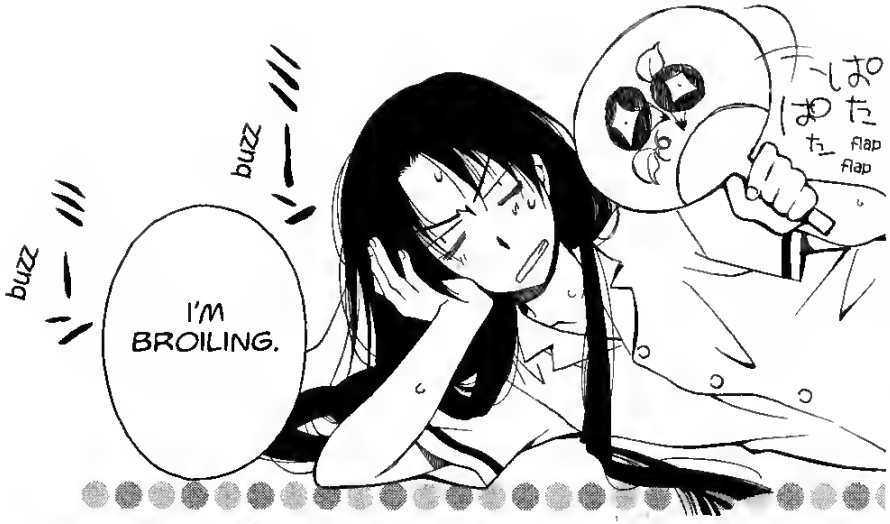
buzz
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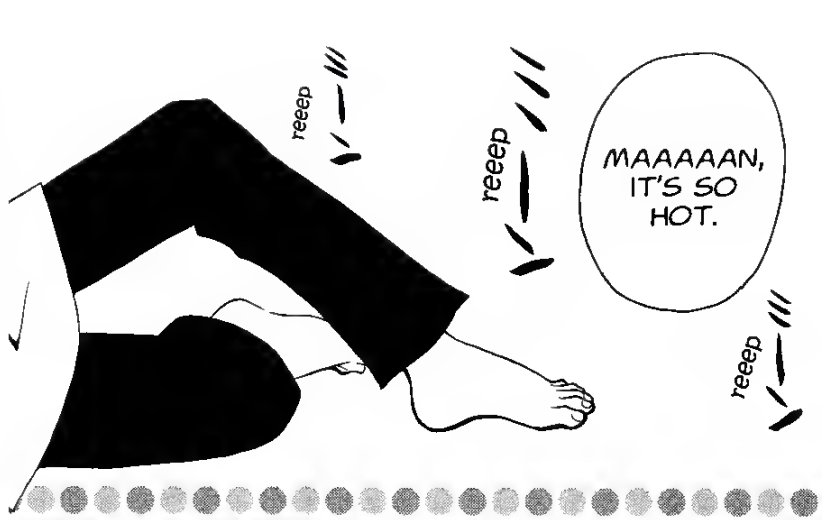
I'M BROILING.
flap flap


reeep
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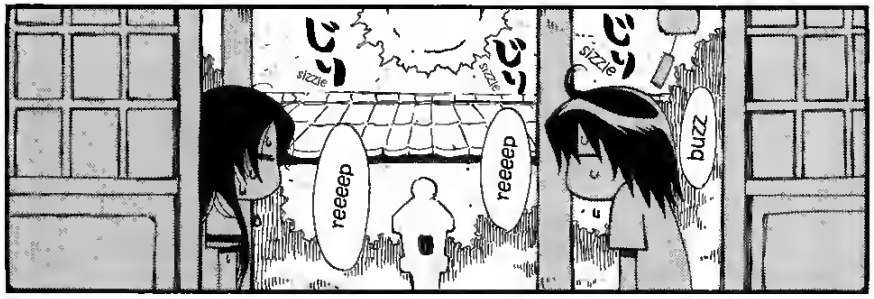
reeep
MAAAAAN, IT'S SO HOT.

YOU DARE MOCK A NOBLE YOUNG TENGU LIKE ME?! YOU WON'T LIKE ME WHEN I'M ANGRY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, DEMON EATER ?!

SO FINE, GET MAD! THEN BROIL UP AND DIE!!
PSH! ALL YOUR TALK OF BROILING... JUST MAKES IT WORSE!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reeeep
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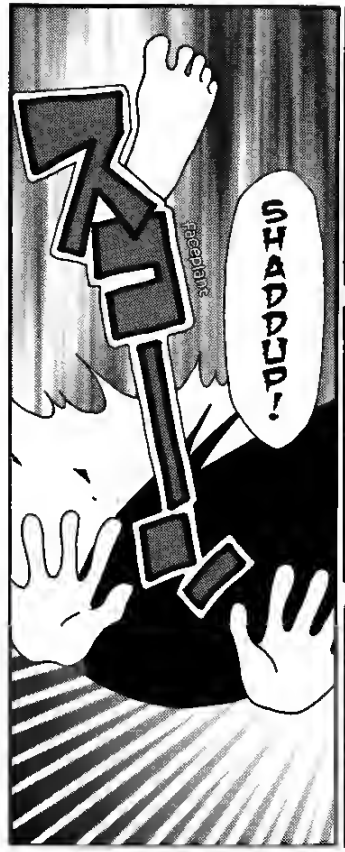
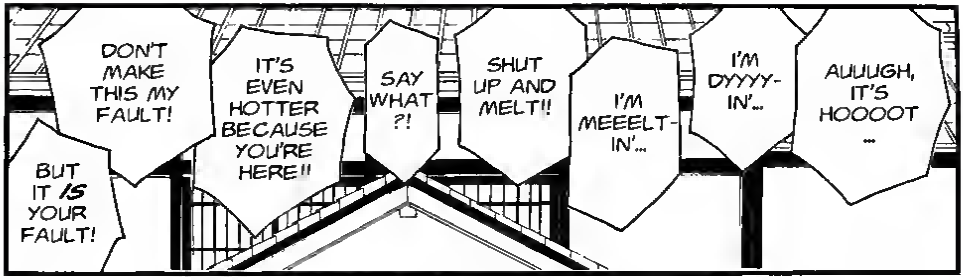
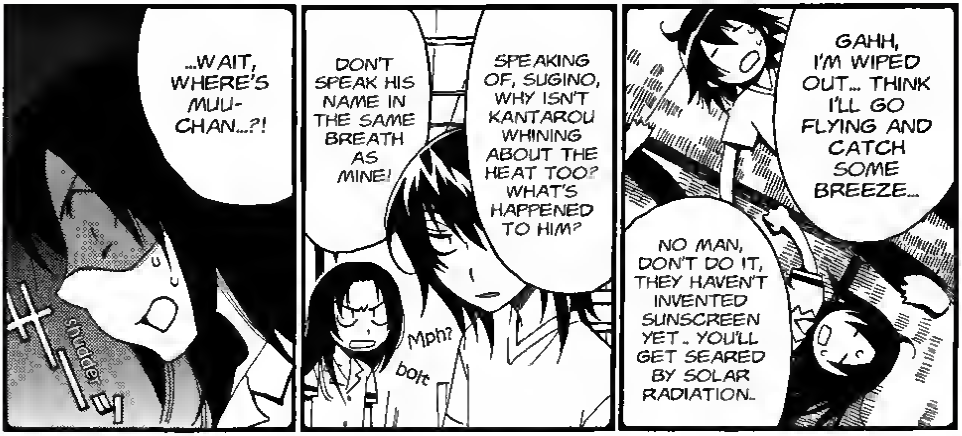
buzz


SHADDUP!
freeplant

Hot!
Too!
It's!
Broil!
Oh yeah!
I'm!
Now I'm hotter...


DON'T MAKE THIS MY FAULT!
IT'S EVEN HOTTER BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE!!
SAY WHAT?!
SHUT UP AND MELT!!
I'M MEEELT-IN'...
I'M DYYYY-IN'...
AUUUGH, IT'S HOOOOT...
BUT IT IS YOUR FAULT!

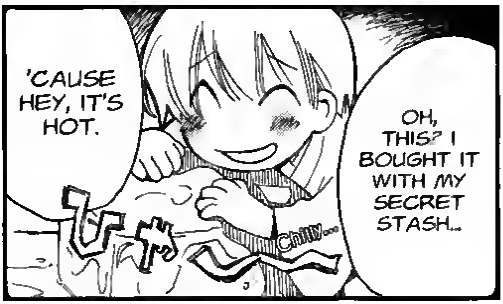

...WAIT, WHERE'S MUU-CHAN...?!
shudder
DON'T SPEAK HIS NAME IN THE SAME BREATH AS MINE!
SPEAKING OF, SUGINO, WHY ISN'T KANTAROU WHINING ABOUT THE HEAT TOO? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
Mph?
bolt
GAHH, I'M WIPED OUT... THINK I'LL GO FLYING AND CATCH SOME BREEZE...
NO MAN, DON'T DO IT, THEY HAVEN'T INVENTED SUNSCREEN YET.. YOU'LL GET SEARED BY SOLAR RADIATION.

REALLY, KANTA-ROU... FLIRT-ING...?!
THERE THEY ARE!!
THAT'S A DEADLY GAME!
shu-BAM
GOD, QUIT YELLING... I'M ABOUT TO LOSE IT...
KANTA-ROOOU!! YOU BAS-TARD, WHERE ARE YOU?!
stomp
stomp
stomp
MUU-UU! ♡
AHA HA HA! ♡
SHADDUP! GRR... SUGINO, SHUT IT!! DAAAM-MIT-- IT'S HOOO-OOT!!
KAN-TAROU!! MUU-CHAN! WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?!
Scream!
Discomfort Index 500

ding-ling
cold

SEND YOU TO HELL !!!
GYAAAAAH!

KAN-TAROU, WHERE DID THAT ICE COME FROM?
EWW, SUGINO-SAMA, WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS DOING? PERV!
FOUND YOU AT LAST! ♡ OH, I'M SO GLAD HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU, MUU-CHAN!!!

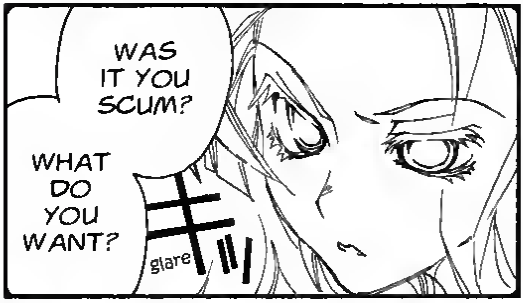

'CAUSE HEY, IT'S HOT.
Chill...
OH, THIS? I BOUGHT IT WITH MY SECRET STASH...

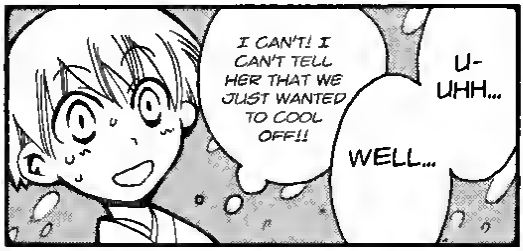
HUH?
...WHY I OUGHT-TA...
YAY, LET'S COOL OFF TOGETH-ER!
SO YOU HOARDED IT ALL FOR YOUR-SELF...?

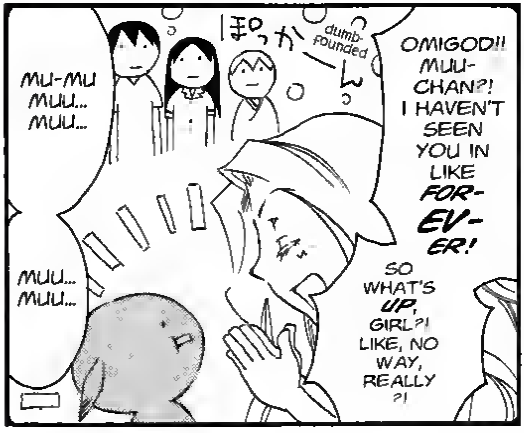
KAN-TAROU... I'M KIND OF SORRY. GO BUY MORE ICE, BUT GET ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US THIS TIME.
MONEY'S AAAAALL GONE.
snooze
Hmph!
ATTACK KANTAROU ALL YOU LIKE, BUT DON'T TOUCH THE ICE!!
STUPID DEMON EATER!
OW OW WOW ...
AAH!! THE ICE... IT'S ALL... GONE...
BUT, I... I...
びっしょり～
drenched
YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT MORE SWELTER-ING IN HERE! KNOCK IT OFF!
Gaahh!!
ARRGGH!! HERE I TOOK THE TROUBLE OF HALF-APOL-OGIZING, SO DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT ATTI-TUDE!!
HM? WHAT IS IT, MUU-CHAN?
Aaugh... I can see the ocean! Come on, horizon.
WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE INVENT AIR-CONDITION-ING AL-READY?
'S HOT... DO SOME-THIN'...
MU! MU!
MUU...
Groan
うだ～
Groan
うだ～
Groan
うだ～
Jingle
Stop pudding—it's a big wind!

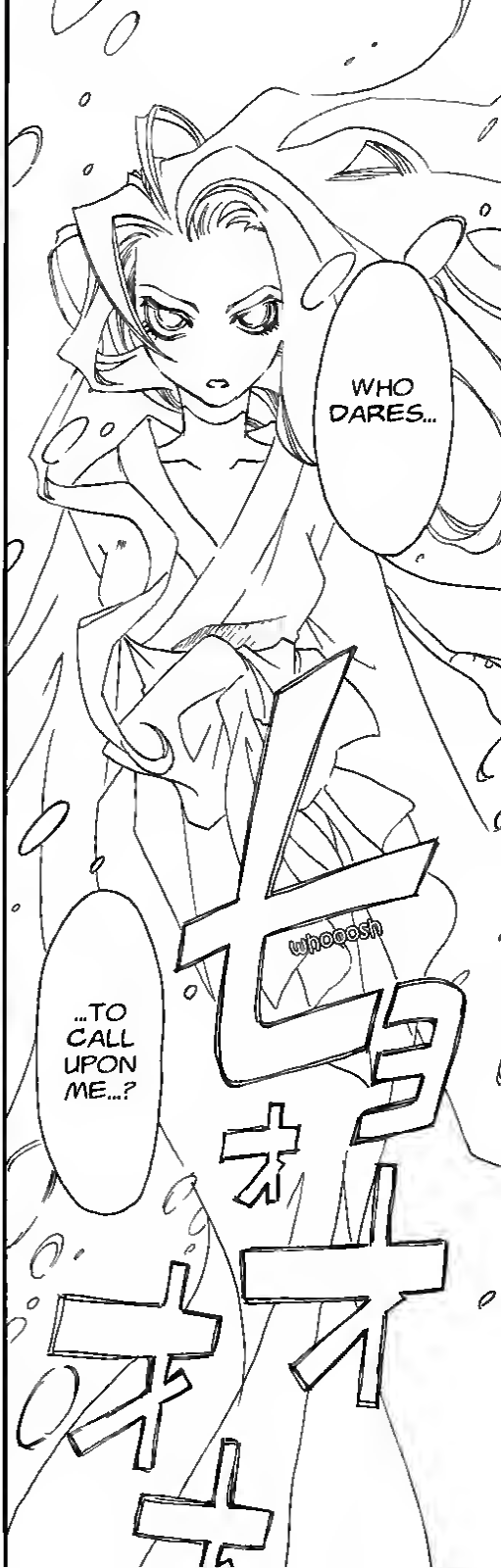
SHE SAID THEY'RE OLD FRIENDS.
WOW.. YOU'RE REALLY WELL-CONNECTED, MUU-CHAN.
REALLY?! THE SNOW QUEEN ?!
screech
HEY, GREAT NEWS GUYS!! MUU-CHAN'S GOING TO CALL YUKI-ONNA!
pop
hakk
turn
turn
SHE'S SPINNING AROUND ?!
spin
spin
spin
spin
HE-HEY! IS SHE ALL RIGHT ?!
Mu
N-NOW HER FACE IS PUFFING UP!
SO, HOW'S SHE GOING TO CALL HER?
AHHH! I LIKE NICE AND CHILLY ...!!
IF SHE COMES HERE, THE AIR WILL GET NICE AND CHILLY! MUU-CHAN, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
Muu-haaaa!
むーはぁぁぁぁ
SOMETHING'S COMING OUT OF HER MOUTH?!
WAUGH!

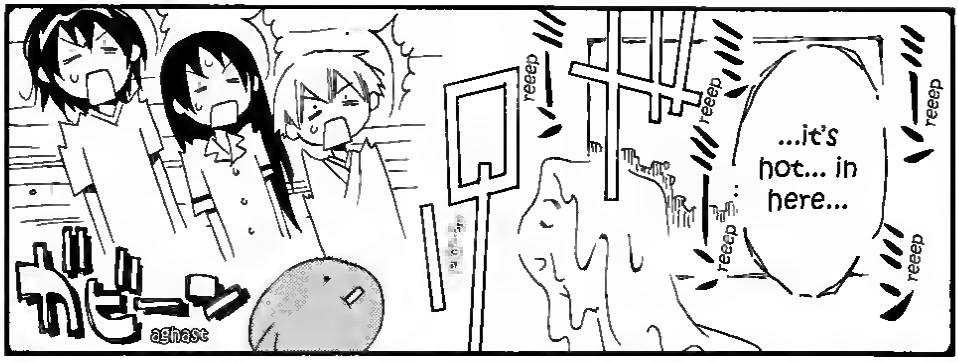
IT COOLED OFF RIGHT AWAY!!
WHOA...
グオオオ
groooh


WAS IT YOU SCUM?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
glare


I CAN'T! I CAN'T TELL HER THAT WE JUST WANTED TO COOL OFF!!
U-UHH...
WELL...


ぽっか
dumb-founded
MU-MU MUU... MUU...
MUU... MUU...
OMIGOD!! MUU-CHAN?! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN LIKE FOR-EV-ER!
SO WHAT'S UP, GIRL?! LIKE, NO WAY, REALLY ?!


WHO DARES...
whoosh
...TO CALL UPON ME...?
七オオオオ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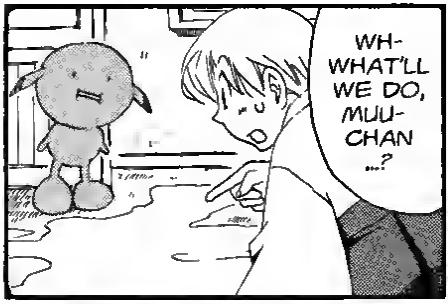
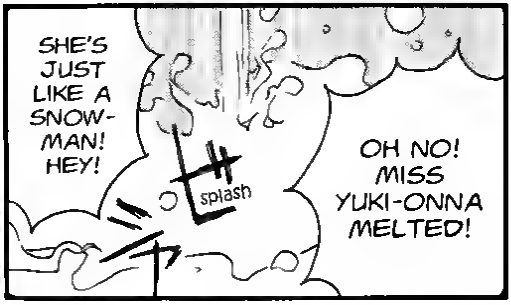
reeep
...it's hot... in here...

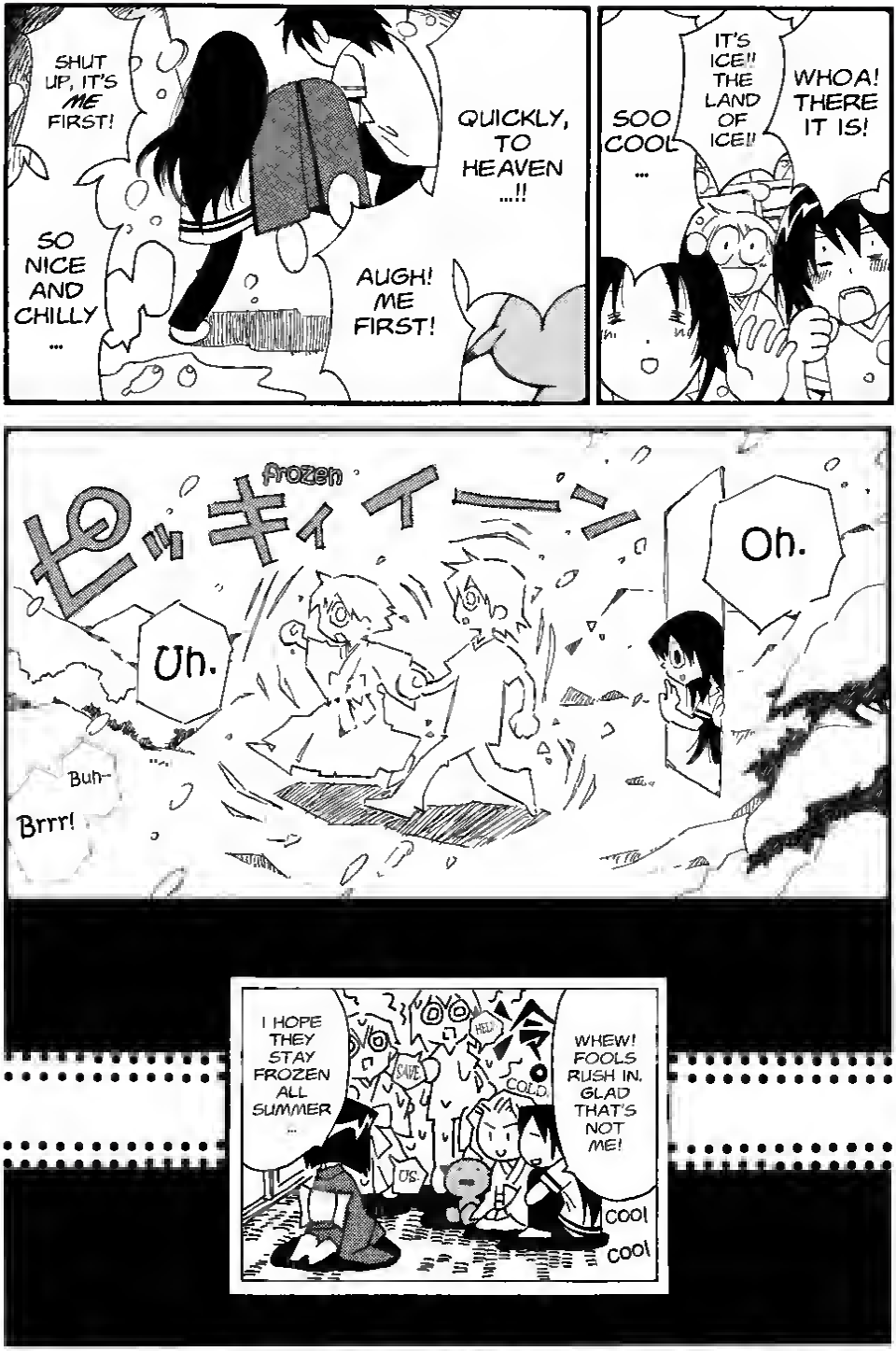

WH-WHAT'LL WE DO, MUU-CHAN ...?


SHE'S JUST LIKE A SNOW-MAN! HEY!
splash
OH NO! MISS YUKI-ONNA MELTED!

WOOOW! IT'S A WINTER WONDER-LAND!!

Eek! It talks!
PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE LAND OF ICE...

I'LL OPEN THE DOOR NOW...
Creak
Creeeeeak
Creak
"LAND OF ICE"?



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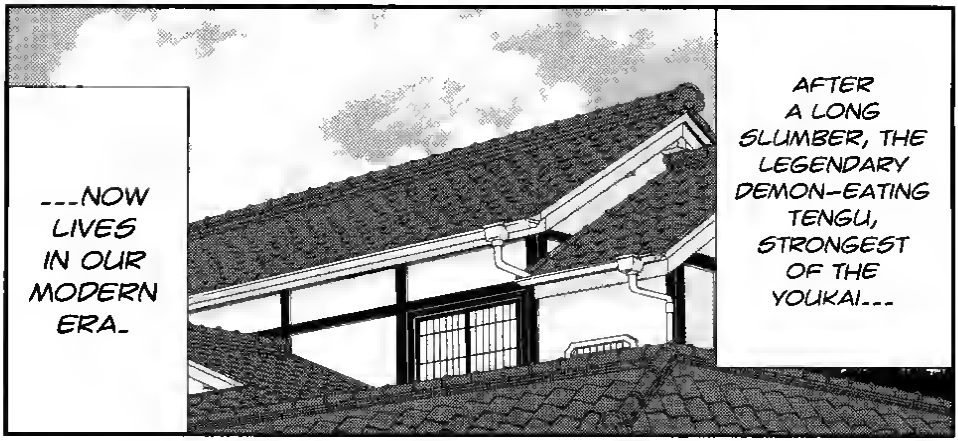
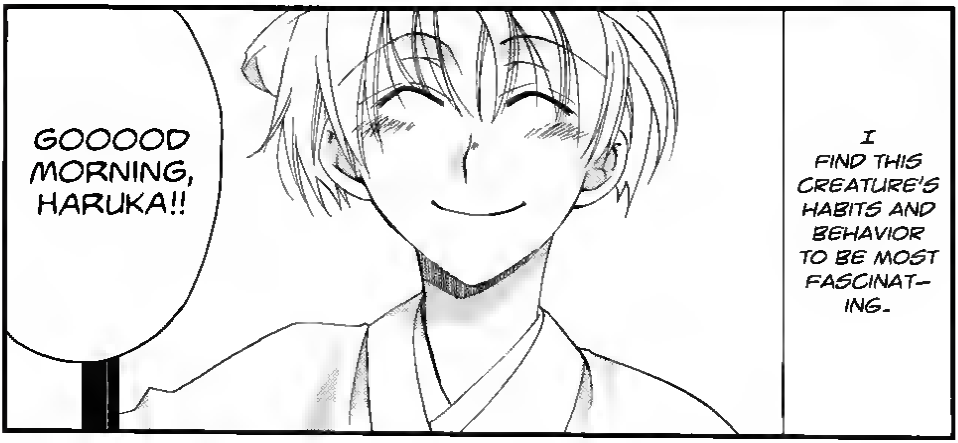
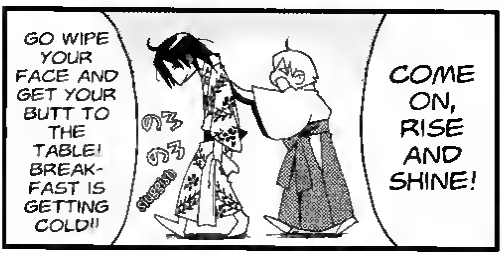

AFTER A LONG SLUMBER, THE LEGENDARY DEMON-EATING TENGU, STRONGEST OF THE YOUKAI...
...NOW LIVES IN OUR MODERN ERA.


GOOOOD MORNING, HARUKA!!
I FIND THIS CREATURE'S HABITS AND BEHAVIOR TO BE MOST FASCINATING.


GO WIPE YOUR FACE AND GET YOUR BUTT TO THE TABLE! BREAKFAST IS GETTING COLD!!
COME ON, RISE AND SHINE!

PIPE DOWN, WILL YA...
scritch scritch

HI KAN-CHAN, IS HARUKA-CHAN UP YET?
YEAH, HE'S JUST WASHING UP RIGHT N--
...

AUGH, WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HARUKA? YOU'RE STILL DOZING!
IT'S COLD ...
I'M UP...
GO GET A DAMN TOWEL ...!
soaked
AH, WELL, GUESS I'LL HAVE TO LEND YOU SOME OF MY CLOTHES.
chew
chew
HEY, HARUKA, YOU AWAKE YET?
JEEZ, HE'S SOPPING WET. PA-THETIC...
nod
nod

tactics 9

THE HAKAMA ARE TOO SHORT! NOW HE LOOKS EVEN MORE PATHETIC!!
WOW, IT LOOKS SURPRISINGLY GOOD ON YOU, HARUKA!!
whap
whap
YOU CAN'T GET BLOOD FROM A STONE!
FINE, THEN GIMME SOME MONEY SO WE CAN GO BUY HIM NEW CLOTHES.
yawn
Awww, Youko-chan, you skinflint! Where'd you stash the cash?!
There's never enough to save up, Kan-chan! Why don't you pull your weight around here, you lazy bum?!
Wahhh, Youko-chan's bullying me!
Who're you calling a bully?!
WHATEVER, I'M GOING BACK TO BED...
HELLO? IS ANYBODY HOME?

MISTER HARUKA, I BROUGHT A FEW THINGS FROM OUR HOUSE. HERE, TRY THEM OUT!
I THOUGHT, IF THERE WAS EVER ANYTHING I COULD DO FOR YOU, MISTER HARUKA...
blush
Hmm. Thanks.
Oh, and try this! It's a Western sweet called chocolate. And, and these are sunglasses. And this here is a handkerchief, and tissue...
THE LEGEND-ARY STRON-GEST OF THE YOUKAI ---
WHAT ABOUT ME, SUZU-CHAN?!
IT'S DIS-GRACE-FUL TO BEG, SIR!
YEAH, YOU'RE DIS-GRACE-FUL.
GAAH!!
---HAS MUCH GREATER EARNING POWER THAN ME!!

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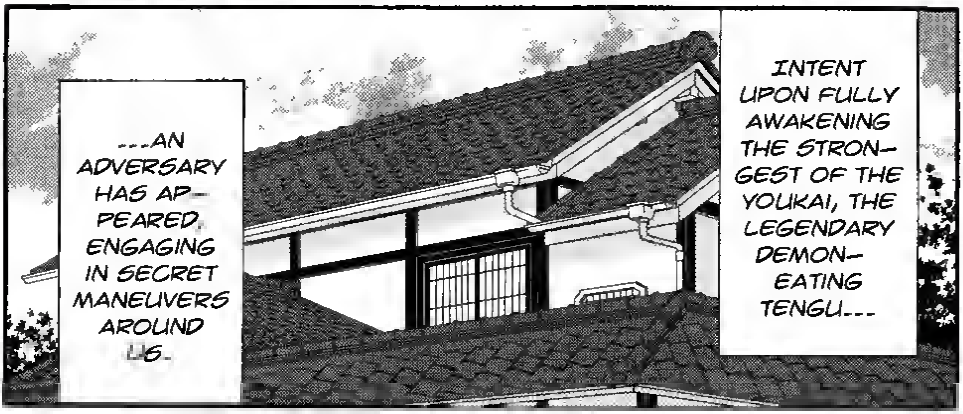

...AN ADVERSARY HAS APPEARED, ENGAGING IN SECRET MANEUVERS AROUND US.
INTENT UPON FULLY AWAKENING THE STRONGEST OF THE YOUKAI, THE LEGENDARY DEMON-EATING TENGU...

HIS NAME: RAIKOU MINAMOTO.

BUT THERE IS ONE THING I CAN DO TO PROTECT HARUKA...

UH, KAN-CHAN, THEY'LL SEE THROUGH OUR DISGUISES RIGHT AWAY.
ACT AS HIS DECOY !!

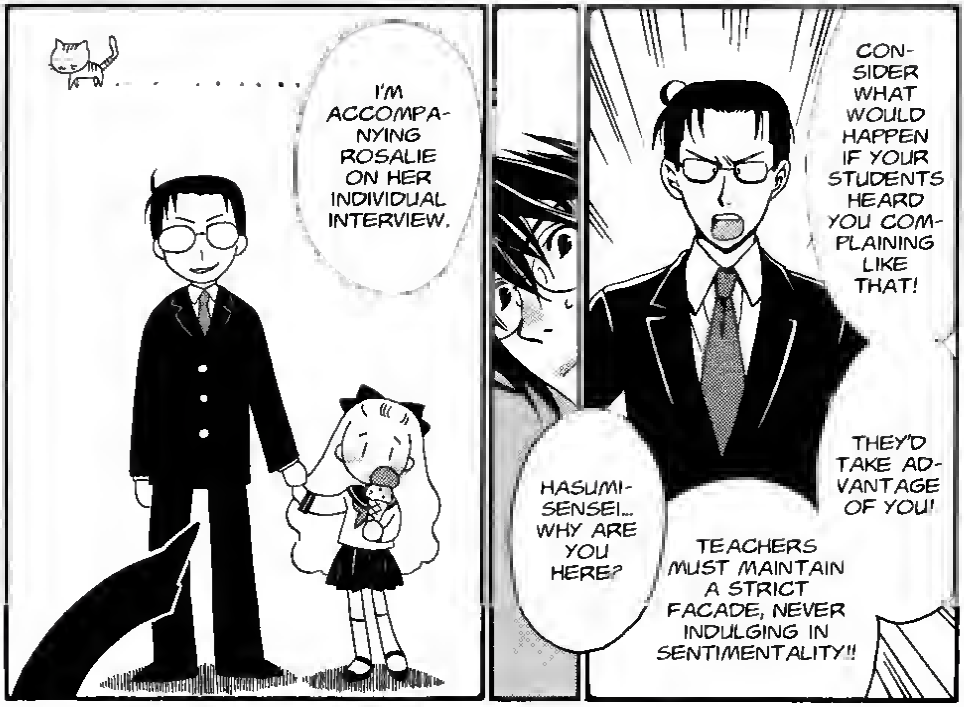
HM? WHY'RE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE..
YO DUDES, WASS'UP ?!
WE CAME TO HANG!
flap
flap
HMM, YOU HAVE A POINT... GUESS I NEED BLACK HAIR.
AND YOU'RE TOO SHORT WOULD PLATFORM SHOES HELP?
NAH, THOSE WON'T BE OUT FOR DECADES
NOT TO MENTION THE WINGS LOOK PRETTY SHODDY
I KNOW BUT IT COSTS TOO MUCH TO GET DECENT MATERIALS
mutter
mutter
mutter
mutter
SHRIP
Gaah!

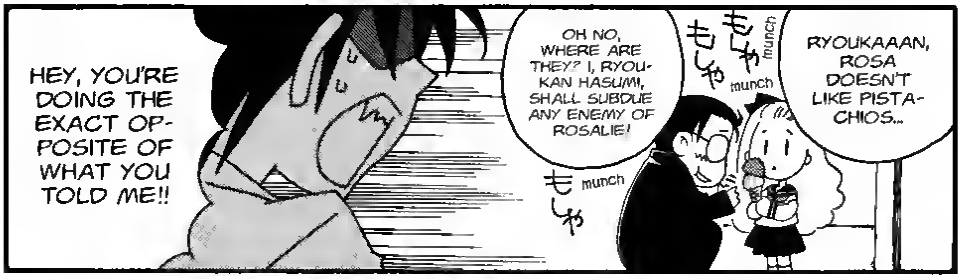
Gaaaaah!
JUST PLEASE I'M BEG-GING YOU!! DON'T CUT MY HAIR!!
ALL RIGHT!! FINE, I'LL DO WHAT YOU WANT!!
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!
ARE YOU REALLY A TENGU?
YOU'RE SUCH A CRYBABY, SUGINO SAMA!
Boo...!
Boo...!
WAAH! ANY-THING BUT THAT!
BUT HARUKA WOULDN'T HUG MUU-CHAN. HEY MUU-CHAN, COME ON OVER HERE! ♡
Come to papa!
HELLO? IS ANY-BODY HOME?

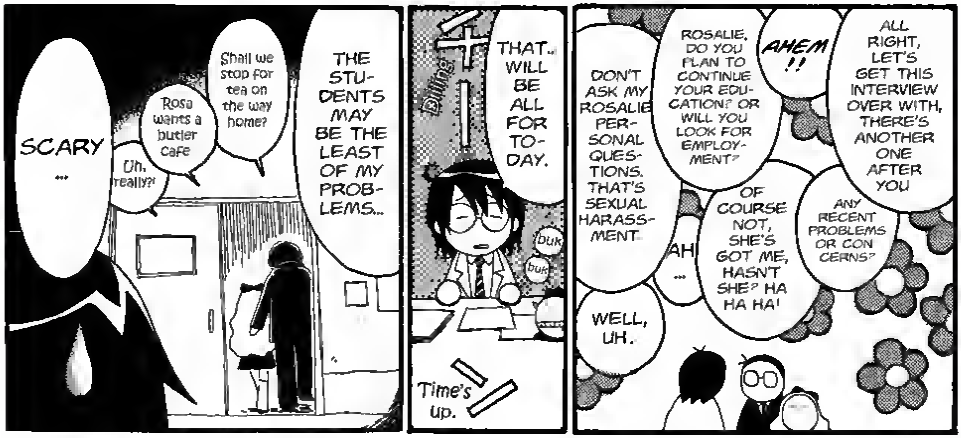
HARUKA... NO...!
MISTER...
Silly silly Suzu! Aha ha!
Oh no, how embarrassing, I was completely fooled...
Sorry we had to fool you, Suzu-chan. But it's great that the disguise worked!!
Ha ha!
Ha ha!
Aha ha!
Yanmen!
Yanmen!
...
WAIT, SUZU CHAN! SEE? THAT ISN'T HARUKA-CHAN!! IT'S SUGINO SAMA!
grab
HUH?
HOW COULD YOU LAY HANDS ON SOMEONE ELSE'S WIFE WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE LIKE ME? YOU'RE HORRIBLE !!
dash
SUZU... ARE YOU TRULY IN LOVE WITH ME...?
HARUKA SWORE IN HIS HEART TO PROTECT HIMSELF WITHOUT THE HELP OF ANYONE ELSE.

FLY AWAY! TACTICS ACADEMY

WE WILL BE HAVING INDIVIDUAL INTER-VIEWS AFTER CLASS TODAY...
COME TO THE AUDIOVISUAL ROOM AT YOUR AP-POINTED TIME! GOT THAT?
Audiovisual Room
BOO...
WHAT ARE YOU WHINING ABOUT, HARUKA-SENSEI?!
Yikes!
Jump
NO WHIN-ING!!
Boo...
What a pain...
I'M STICKING TO THE TIME LIMIT!
Not like I want to stay late either!
GOOD GRIEF... THEY SAY WE SHOULD GIVE STUDENTS MORE UNSTRUCTURED TIME IN THEIR EDUCATION, BUT THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED A BREAK...
NO ONE EVER CONSID-ERS UNSTRUC-TURING MY TIME...
WELL, I GUESS MOST CHILDREN COULD USE MORE SPARE TIME, BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE STUDENTS? I DOUBT THEY'D EVEN BE ABLE TO PUT IT TO GOOD USE!


I'M ACCOMPANYING ROSALIE ON HER INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW.
HASUMI-SENSEI... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOUR STUDENTS HEARD YOU COMPLAINING LIKE THAT!
THEY'D TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU!
TEACHERS MUST MAINTAIN A STRICT FACADE, NEVER INDULGING IN SENTIMENTALITY!!


HEY, YOU'RE DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT YOU TOLD ME!!
OH NO, WHERE ARE THEY? I, RYOUKAN HASUMI, SHALL SUBDUE ANY ENEMY OF ROSALIE!
もしゃ munch
もしゃ munch
もしゃ munch
RYOUKAAAN, ROSA DOESN'T LIKE PISTACHIOS...


THE STUDENTS MAY BE THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS...
Shall we stop for tea on the way home?
Rosa wants a butler cafe
Uh, really?
SCARY...
Ding
THAT.. WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY.
buk
buk
Time's up.
DON'T ASK MY ROSALIE PERSONAL QUESTIONS. THAT'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
ROSALIE, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION? OR WILL YOU LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT?
AHEM!!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET THIS INTERVIEW OVER WITH, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE AFTER YOU
AH...
OF COURSE NOT, SHE'S GOT ME, HASN'T SHE? HA HA HA!
ANY RECENT PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS?
WELL, UH.

SO...
DO YOU HAVE ANY DREAMS OR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE, SUGINO?
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
WOW, ANOTHER ODD COUPLE
UH, JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.
YO!
MUU...
SO, NO ASPIRATIONS AT ALL...
RIGHT, MUU-CHAN? ♡
Tee-hee!
nuzzle
nuzzle
MARRYING MUU-CHAN... I GUESS?
WHAT WILL I DO...
I CAN'T GO HOME WITHOUT FILLING OUT AND SUBMITTING THESE INTERVIEW RECORDS
Name
Higher Education
Living Habits
Recent Concerns
COME WITH US, SENSEI!! I WONDER IF XXPPOEN WILL BE AVAILABLE
YOU'RE RIGHT!! THANKS, SENSEI! I'LL GO RESERVE A WEDDING CHAPEL RIGHT AWAY!!
Muu...
Wait!
W-Wait...
THE SAXXJIO CHURCH IS ALSO PRETTY IN' TOO!! OH BOY, I'M SO EXCITED!
OH!
UH.. IF SO, THEN IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU MARRY NOW RATHER THAN LATER ANYWAY, TELL ME WHAT OTHER DREAMS YOU HAVE
HUH? THAT'S RIGHT WHAT ELSE WOULD SHE BE?
SAY, SUGINO... ISN'T THAT JUST A STUFFED ANIMAL?

HONOR STUDENT KANTAROU ICHINOMIYA IS HERE FOR HIS MEETING!!
HEYA, HARUKA-SENSEI!
He's a mind reader!
SAY, HARUKA-SENSEI, WOULDN'T YOU RATHER GET THIS STUFF OVER WITH AND LEAVE EARLY?
HUH?!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR COMMENTARY!!
Adding glasses would just make it worse.
..THAT STYLE OF UNIFORM REALLY DOESN'T SUIT YOU..
JUST SUBMIT THIS ON TOP OF THE FORMS, AND YOU CAN GO HOME RIGHT AWAY.
I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT MY CLASSMATES' THOUGHTS AND ACTIVITIES.
IT'S ALL HERE IN MY "FLY AWAY STUDENTS -- BLUE-SKIED YOUTH FILES!!"
MY CLASSMATES ARE ALL HARDENED CRIMINALS, IT WON'T BE EASY TO GET THEM TALKING. WHO KNOWS IF YOU'LL EVER MAKE IT HOME TODAY..
Go me!
WELL, I AM THE BEST IN THE ACADEMY AT COLLECTING INFORMATION. I DO MORE BEFORE BREAKFAST THAN MOST DO ALL DAY.
THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE...
WH-WHY WOULD YOU GIVE ME SUCH A.
gulp

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, KAN-CHAN!!
BUT YOU CAN TALK ME DOWN TO FIVE BEEF BOWLS.
THAT'S ABSURD !!
OKAY THEN!
FIVE BEEF BOWLS, HUH? SURE, NO PROB-LEM.
NO, FIFTY THOUSAND! FIFTY THOUSAND YEN, CASH!!
THIS WILL BE ENOUGH.
JUST THIS MUCH.
...
WHAT'S YOUR DE-MAND?
I ASSUME THERE'S STRINGS AT-TACHED.
THE TACTICS ACADEMY STUDENT COUNCIL, LED BY RAIKOU MINAMOTO, HAS COME TO PASS JUDG-MENT!!
Ha ha ha!
JUS TICE
源
Minamoto
Student Council President
Ta-da!
WE'VE JUST WIT-NESSED BRIBERY BETWEEN A STUDENT AND A TEACHER!!
5 beef bowl coupons
DOESN'T THAT FILE CONTAIN OUR WEIGHTS AND MEASURE-MENTS?!
YOU TOOK THOSE BEHIND OUR BACKS !!
AND THUS HARUKA-SENSEI SPENDS ANOTHER DAY OF UN-ENDURABLE HARDSHIP SURROUNDED BY A PACK OF DELIN-QUENTS.
Beep
HANG IN THERE, HARUKA-SENSEI !!
I KNEW YOU'D BETRAY ME, KANTAROU! GIVE ME BACK THOSE BEEF BOWL COUPONS!
IT HURTS, MASTER RAIKOU, IT HURTS !!
Aha ha ha!
THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL CONFIS-CATE THOSE FILES AS EVIDENCE !!
YOU JERKS! IN-CINERATE THAT RECORD RIGHT NOW!!
Crash!
THIS NOTEBOOK CONTAINS EVERY-BODY'S WEAK-NESSES!! ONE STEP CLOSER AND I'LL REVEAL ALL!!
Kyaahaha

tactics .9.

Hello, this is Sakura Kinoshita.
Thank you very much for buying tactics volume 9.
With the next volume we'll start breaking into double-digits...
It's pretty scary how quickly the days and months can pass.
The time goes by silently, but I'm still the same as ever.
No, wait. I'm **DEGENERATING**. Yes, yes I am.

Well... nothing to waste time worrying about.
The content of "tactics" has steadily grown more serious.
To be honest, I'm not so good at drawing realistically,
so it's become more serious on my end, too.
Well... to put it bluntly, I prefer drawing the comical deformed characters.... But okay, I'll do my best to draw seriously.
Let's be serious, everyone! For Pete's sake!!

March 2007 Sakura

HIGASHIYAMA-STYLE POSTSCRIPT

Volume 9 is on sale! Amazing...
It's all due to your support. Thank you very much!
Hello, we haven't talked for a while. I'm Kazuko Higashiyama.

A lot was going on again this time, but we managed to get started with this volume! From now on Ms. Kinoshita and I will be working hard to keep up a swifter pace, so please continue to follow our progress.

Lately the story's been focused more on the combo of Young Master Raikou and Ibaragi. Since I'm in charge of both characters, this means a lot more drawing for me, but I sure intend to do my utmost! Especially with Ibaragi.

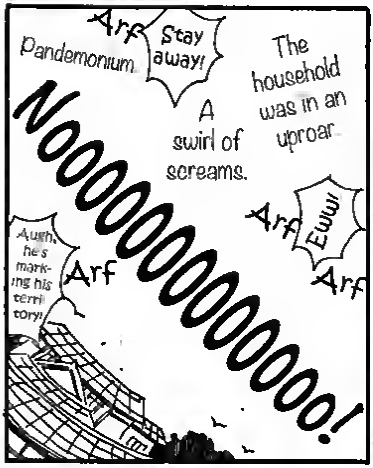
March 2007 Kazuko Higashiyama

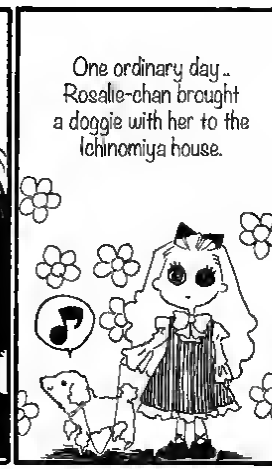
Since we have some extra pages this time, I thought I'd use them to advertise the "tactics" drama CDs. They're funny if nothing else, so those who feel bored with their lives should consider buying one!!
Ciao, y'all!
Moving right along! They comprise 3 CDs featuring these scenarios by Nari Nanami: "What a Commotion! Chronicles of the Inugami Dogfights," "Chiller Thriller... The Cursed Haunted House!" and "Tactics Academy -- The Love Letter is a Sweet Trap?!"

DRAMA CD tactics

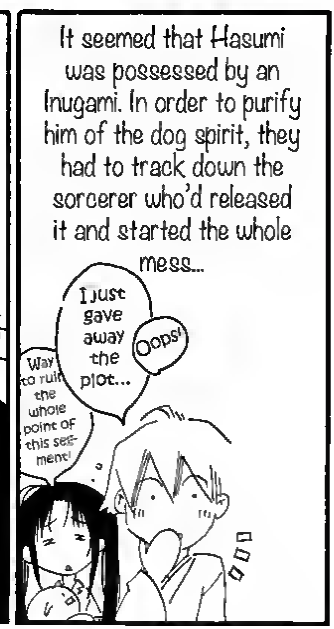
Part I:

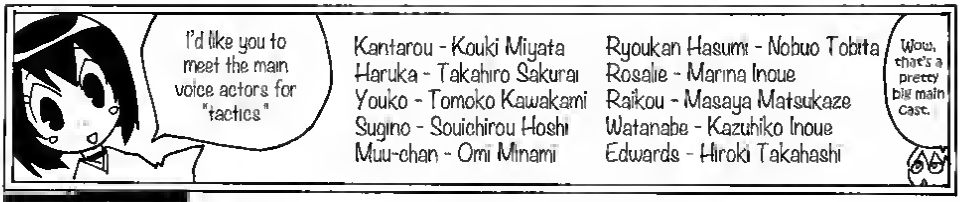
What a Commotion! Chronicles of the Inugami Dogfights





Huh? Is the promo done already?
Doing a promo in manga format is harder than it looks. On to the next one—
Go Go~
Hey! Why's this so wordy?


It seemed that Hasumi was possessed by an Inugami. In order to purify him of the dog spirit, they had to track down the sorcerer who'd released it and started the whole mess...
I just gave away the plot...
Oops!
Way to ruin the whole point of this segment!


I'd like you to meet the main voice actors for "tactics"
Kantarou - Kouki Miyata
Haruka - Takahiro Sakurai
Youko - Tomoko Kawakami
Sugino - Souichirou Hoshi
Muu-chan - Omi Minami
Ryoukan Hasumi - Nobuo Tobita
Rosalie - Marina Inoue
Raikou - Masaya Matsukaze
Watanabe - Kazuhiko Inoue
Edwards - Hiroki Takahashi
Wow, that's a pretty big main cast.

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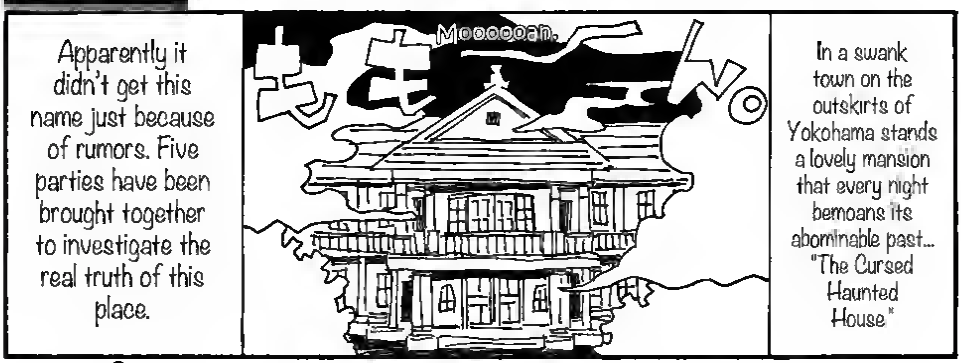
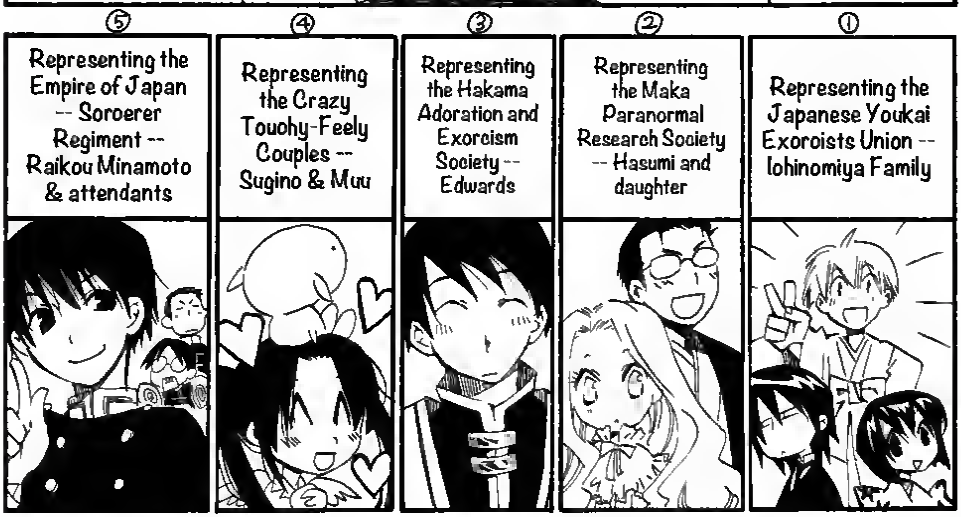
Part II:

Chiller Thriller... The Cursed Haunted House!


Apparently it didn't get this name just because of rumors. Five parties have been brought together to investigate the real truth of this place.
Mooooaan.
In a swank town on the outskirts of Yokohama stands a lovely mansion that every night bemoans its abominable past... "The Cursed Haunted House"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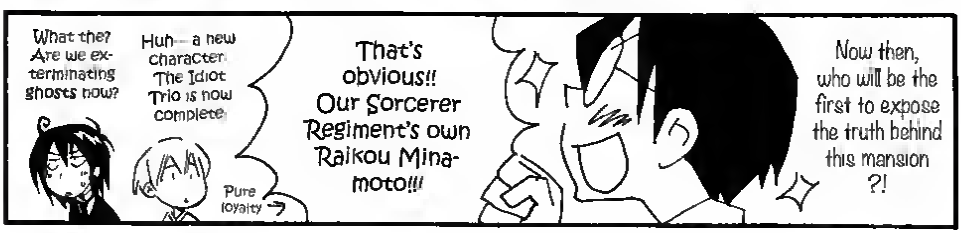
Representing the Empire of Japan -- Sorcerer Regiment -- Raikou Minamoto & attendants
④
Representing the Crazy Touchy-Feely Couples -- Sugino & Muu
③
Representing the Hakama Adoration and Exorcism Society -- Edwards
②
Representing the Maka Paranormal Research Society -- Hasumi and daughter
①
Representing the Japanese Youkai Exoroists Union -- Iohinomiya Family


What the? Are we exterminating ghosts now?
Huh— a new character. The Idiot Trio is now complete.
Pure loyalty
That's obvious!! Our Sorcerer Regiment's own Raikou Minamoto!!!
Now then, who will be the first to expose the truth behind this mansion ?!

We've also released two previous drama CDs, for which Ms. Higashiyama wrote the scenarios. Please give them a listen too!
Just can't stop smiling!
Thanks for all the laughs, Ms. Nanami! Sorry we left the dubbing to you as well... Keep making us smile!!

DRAMA CD Tactics

Part III:

Tactics Academy -- The Love Letter is a Sweet Trap?!

Haruka-sensei receives a love letter, drenched with a weirdly wicked aura, containing secrets about him that no one should know.
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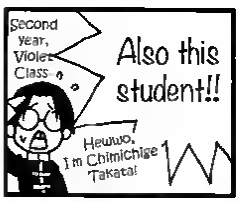

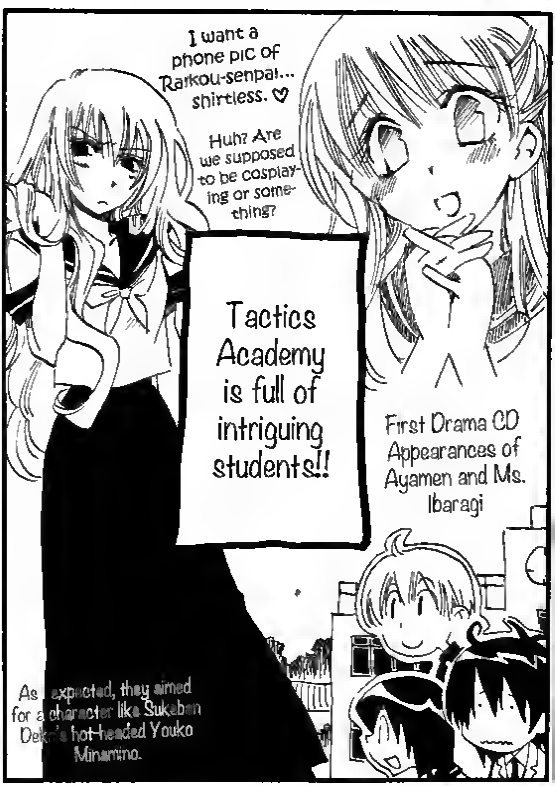
I want a phone pic of Raikou-senpai... shirtless. ♡
Huh? Are we supposed to be cosplaying or something?
Tactics Academy is full of intriguing students!!
First Drama CD Appearances of Ayamen and Ms. Ibaragi
As expected, they aimed for a character like Sukeban Deka's hot-headed Youko Minamino.

Who on earth could have sent it?!